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その中で明らかにされる過去と真実とは…？

謎と日本が交つかう第7巻！

大冒険バトルファンタジー第7巻！

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ジムにおいはじめまして、いやあ、やっぱり筋トレできるとご褒美は次から次へとやってくるし、ジムってホントいいところですね。嬉しいよ。

俺はごはんもおいしいし筋肉増量できるし言うことなしなんだけど、ジムが苦手な方もいるとおもいます。

ちなみに私がいちばんの苦手はキスシーンです。

やっぱりそう、まから100Mもあのコンビニこの技術で人生を狂わせている男としては、1キロ近く離れたジムまで通うのは少しハードルが高すぎるのです。試し方ない、そんな言い訳は通じてくれるのだろうか？

筋肉にいいものを食べ、筋肉にいい運動をし、筋肉にいい休息をとる。

筋肉を裏切りません。

筋肉は嘘をつきません。

はてはてしい！　楽しい筋肉生活。

よりよいライフ、これで完全なものとなりました。

ジムに来れば、色男間違いなしです。

でもね、言ってます？　その筋肉ナって、自前に金融する必要さえもです。

金はいやだねぇ。なんだって言いものの　前世だってあり？　金は至るものの　思い得は生物学的に無いないようにできているんだよ！

だからもーよし！　ジムは辞めたって　かな！

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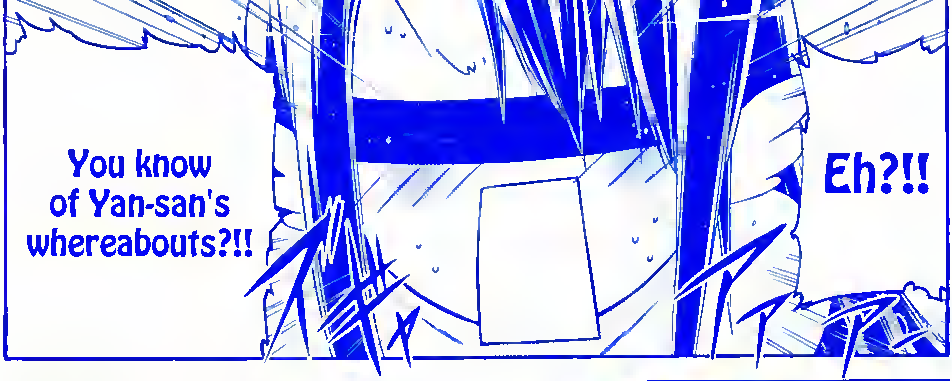

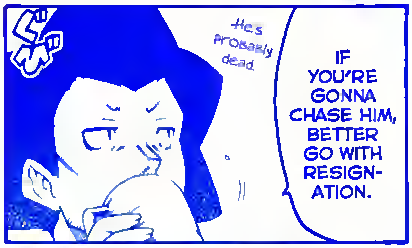

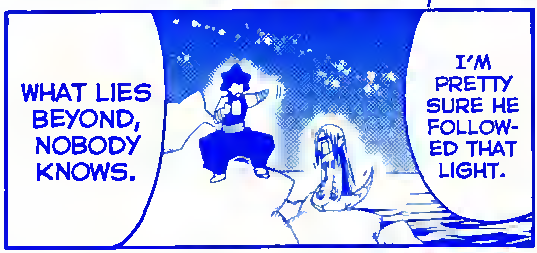

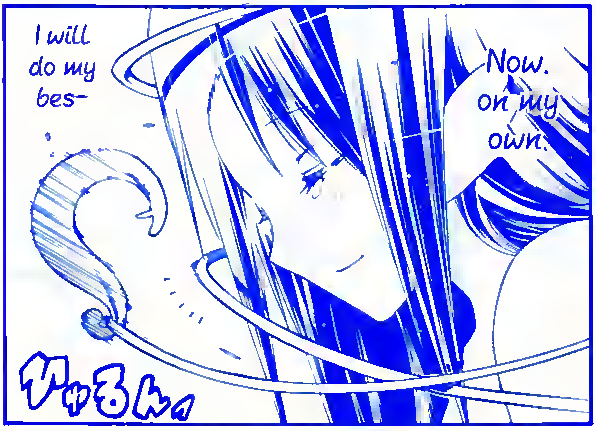

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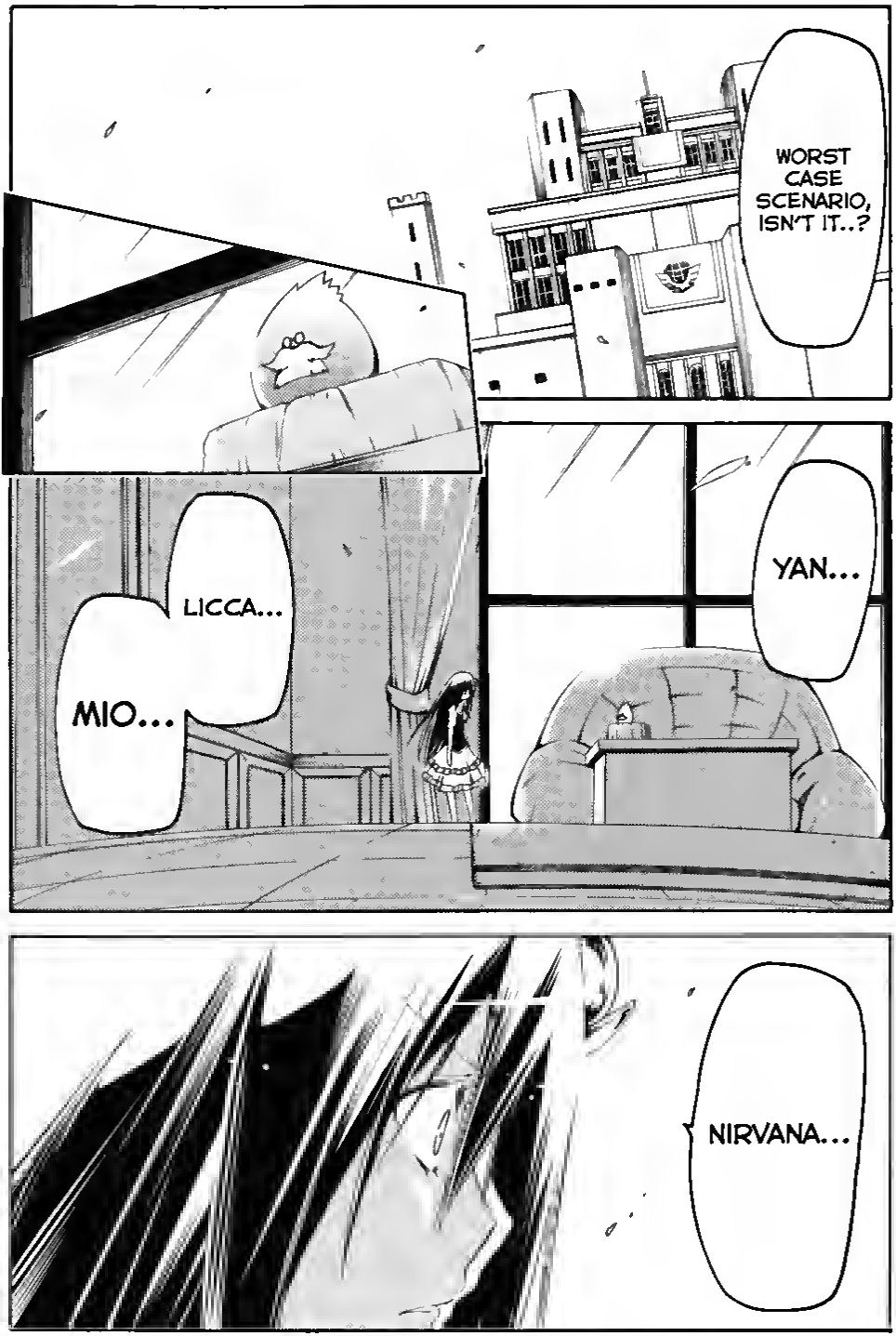
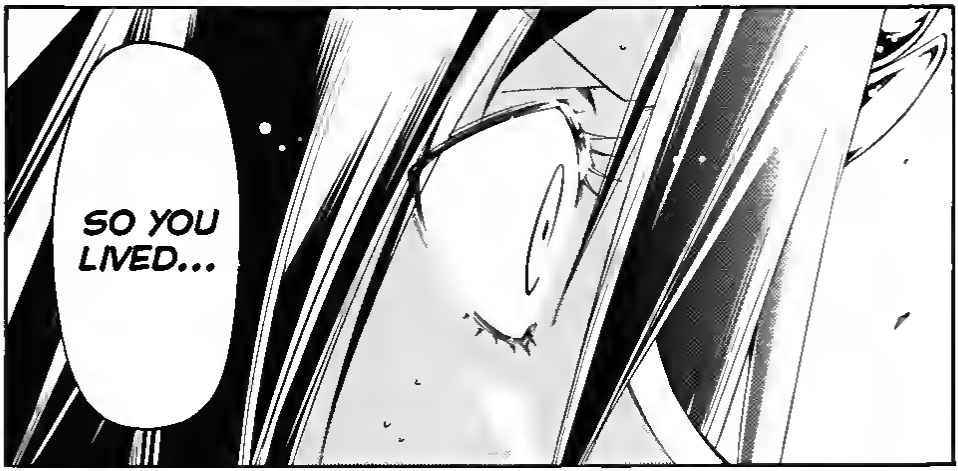
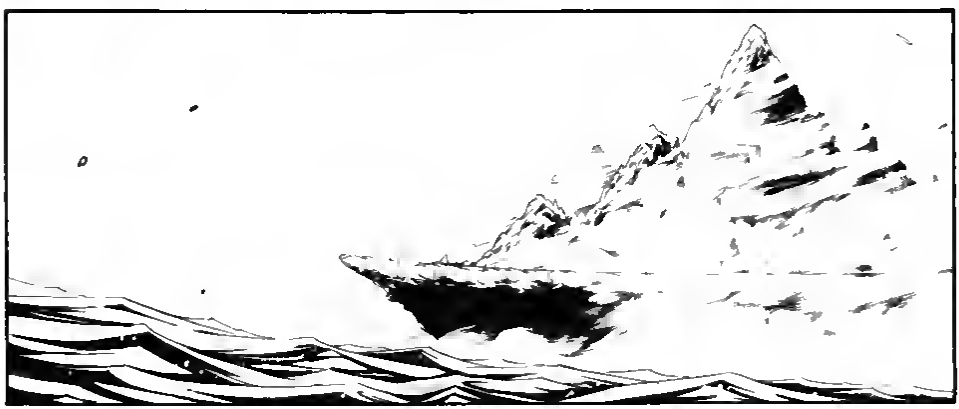

WORST CASE SCENARIO, ISN'T IT..?
YAN...
LICCA...
MIO...
NIRVANA...





NITORI: THE EXACT NAME NIRVANA USES IS "SHIRYOU NO YAKATA," WHICH MEANS "THE MANSION/CASTLE OF RAW DATA." AS I DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT MANGA-HEAVEN BACK IN THE DAY TRANSLATED IT TO, I HAVE GIVEN THE LITERAL TRANSLATION INSTEAD. IF ANY READER REMEMBERS IT FROM BEFORE, FEEL FREE TO FILL ME IN AND I MAY VE THE CHAPTER

YEAH.
THE OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENTS' RAW DATA ARE ALL SAFEGUARDED INSIDE THAT INSTITUTION.
THE OUTER SE-
NO, THERE WAS DEFINITELY EVEN SOME RAW DATA OF *THIS-SIDE-OF-THE-FALLS* THERE.

I CANNOT EXPECT YOU FELLOWS TO BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE ANY DESIRED INTEL THOUGH.
... BUT,
AFTER ALL, SINCE IT IS JUST THE *INNER SEA'S* RAW DATA,

WELL THAT'S UP TO ME TO DECIDE.
ククク

IT HAS STARTED AGAIN!
RAMA'S DISEASE IS SERIOUSLY UNBELIEVABLE, HMPH.
Oh geez...
CAN I CHOP UP PEOPLE?
わくわく
SAY... NIR.
ARE WE GOING TO WAR *THERE* NEXT?

YAN.
ABOUT THIS "BOARD CHAIRMAN" YOU SPOKE OF...
"LOTTE."
THAT'S THE NAME, RIGHT?
.....!
...WHY ARE YOU ASKING?
ㄱㄱㄱ
WONDERFUL HUH..? RAMA!

!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL GET TO CHOP UP A TON!
EH-
THAT'S-
ドオオ…ン
Oh?
Gu-
Gunshots ..?!
THAT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM LUNACANTA-SAMA'S ROOM, HM?

SORRY FOR BEING LATE, MIO LUNACANTA.
I WAS WAITING FOR AN OPPOR-TUNITY.
DID HE...
DIE ..?

ゴロン……
HE'S DEAD, YEAH.
SO "HUMANS" DIE...
THAT EASILY...
HE ASSAULTED YOU.
THERE WAS NO WORTH IN LETTING HIM LIVE, YOU KNOW.
WORTH ...

Mio-kun!!!
So you were okay!!!
AHH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I'LL RETURN THIS BACK TO YOU.
Galiole's Oi-chan!
I'm relieved!!
IT WAS A VERY PECULIAR FIGURE,
SO I DECIDED TO BORROW IT FOR A BIT IN MY BOX.
TL NOTE: OI IN JAPANESE MEANS "NEPHEW"
.....!!
OI-CHAN, HOW'S LICCA..?!
WHAT HAPPENED WITH LICCA..?!!

...SHE IS RESTING DUE TO A FEVER, BUT...
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING OFF ABOUT HER LIFE FORCE...
.....
AND HER RIGHT ARM?!
...Th-
.....っ
That is...
ドッ
IT HASN'T MENDED.

MIO LUNACANTA ...
CERTAINLY, IN REGARDS TO ME, THAT GIRL POSSESSES A TOUGH HEART.
BUT YOU KNOW,
SHE'S TOO KIND.
SOME DAY,
IF SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO HER IS INJURED,
HER HEART PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

As the Board Chairman feared...
Mio-kun's heart has... shattered...
!
RATHER NOISY OUTSIDE, ISN'T IT?
SOMEBODY IS COMING.
ANYHOW, I RECOMMEND WE LEAVE THIS PLACE RIGHT NOW.

FREELY TOOK ACTION ...
FREELY WENT TO KILL...
AND FREELY LET HER TOTALLY GET AWAY..?
TURNS OUT THAT GUY WAS USELESS EVEN TO THE END, HMM?
SO, WHAT NOW?
SPLIT UP AND SEARCH?

OH MY.
THEN, I'LL BE LEFT BEHIND?
ALQUI.
WELL... I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU COULD LET US SEARCH AT OUR OWN LEISURE THEN?
AT ANY RATE, THEY AIN'T ESCAPING FROM THIS "SHIP."
'TIS FINE.
ガトゥ
WELL,
A GAME OF TAG ISN'T SUCH A BAD THING EITHER, NOW IS IT?
LIKELY, I SUSPECT THE OTHER END WON'T BE ONLY ONE PERSON.
IT'S FINE TO MAKE ANYONE BESIDES MIO AS FEED FOR CREATO.

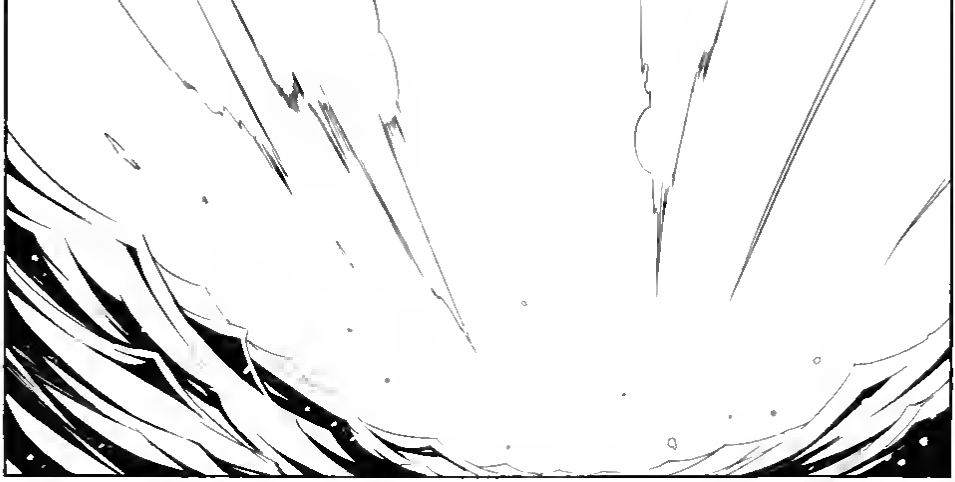
IF IT TURNS INTO A WAR, MY CURRENT SELF WOULD BE A BURDEN TO NIR-SAMA...
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I'M LEFT BEHIND AS WELL...
NIR-SAMA.
!
DO YOU SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT THAT SORT OF INJURY WOULD BRING HARM TO YOUR BEAUTY?
RATHER, YOUR BEAUTY SEEMS EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE.

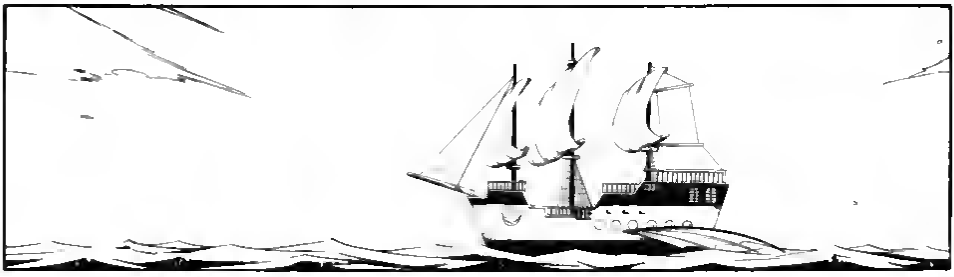
I ASSURE YOU.
YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL, BELTA.
ビュウ
Nir-sama!
Yes,
Her Jinx ability returned..!

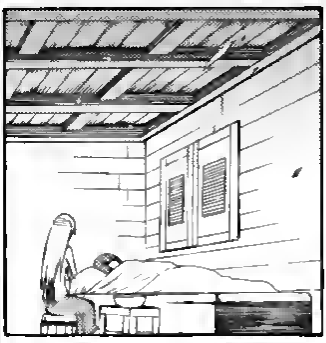
His Jinx ability allows him to clearly understand how to persuade the very hearts of people...
Powerful, isn't it..?

LET'S GO!

WE ARE GOING TO CRUSH THE OCEANIC AFFAIRS ASSOCI-ATION.







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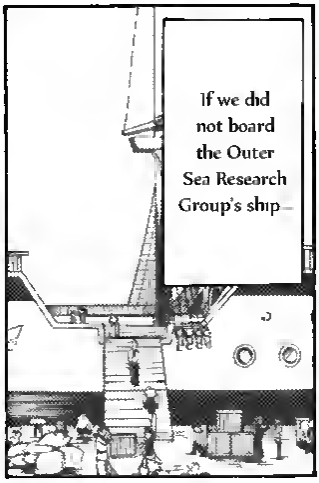
LICCA-CHAN...

In the first place,
if you had not become my assistant...


If we did not board the Outer Sea Research Group's ship—

That time, if we could have just pulled back

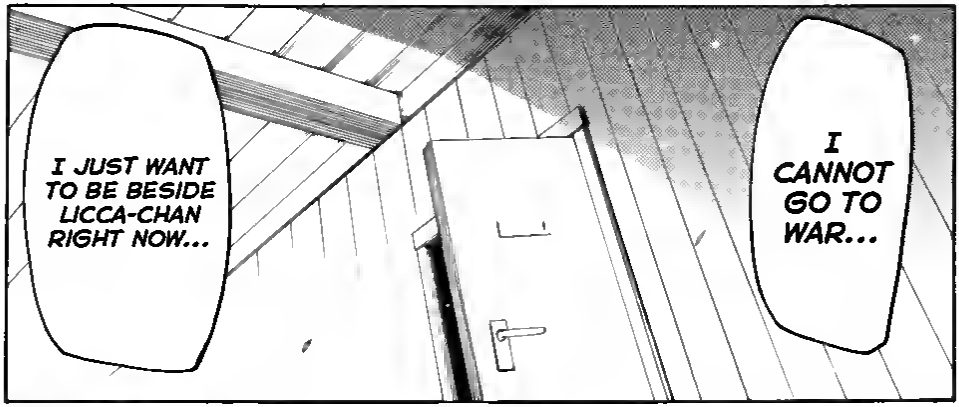
Why...
LICCA-CHAN...
LICCA-CHAN...
What are coming to my mind are just these regrets possessing no meaning whatsoever...
Why must Licca-chan, in these eyes of mine...

SARAH-KUN...
!
DID YOU FIND...
THE HIDEOUT'S LOCATION ..?
WITH MASTER'S PUPPETS, EVEN THE LOCATION INFO ABOUT MIO'S POSITION COULD BE FETCHED!
IT'S DEFINITELY THOSE BASTARDS' HIDEOUT!
.....
AGAIN ...
IT'LL BECOME A WAR, HUH..?
?
AIN'T DAT EXPECTED?

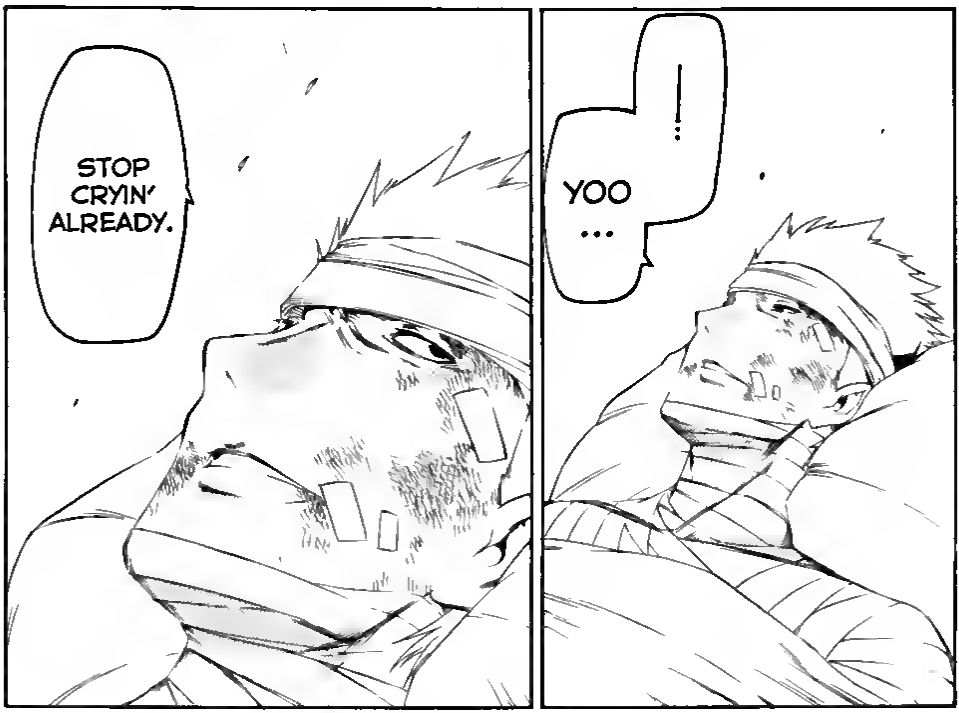
We...
should avoid fighting already..!
I... CANNOT APPROVE ...

How're we gonna rescue Mio without fightin'?!
W-
What'cha sayin', you?!

BUT...
YEAH... HUH...
BUT I...

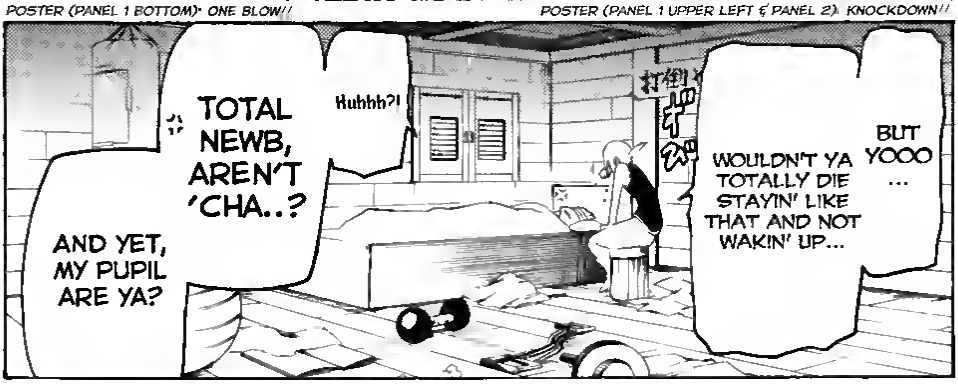

I JUST WANT TO BE BESIDE LICCA-CHAN RIGHT NOW...
I CANNOT GO TO WAR...

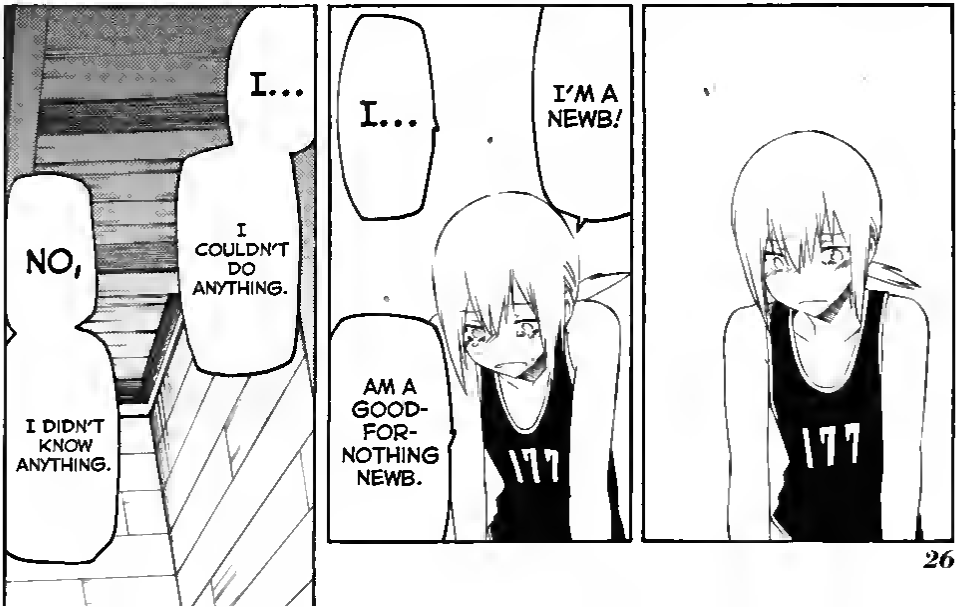
GLIFF


STOP CRYIN' ALREADY.
YOO...!

POSTER (PANEL 1 BOTTOM): ONE BLOW!!

POSTER (PANEL 1 UPPER LEFT & PANEL 2): KNOCKDOWN!!





BEING SCARED ...
I JUST WATCHED IN SILENCE..!
WHEN MY FRIENDS WERE IN DANGER...
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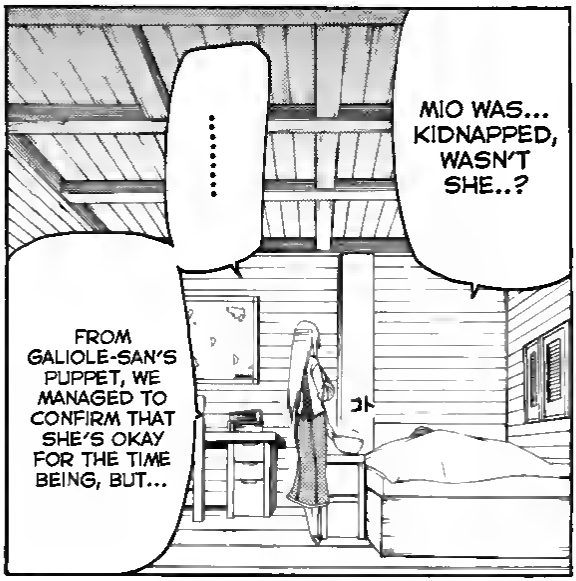
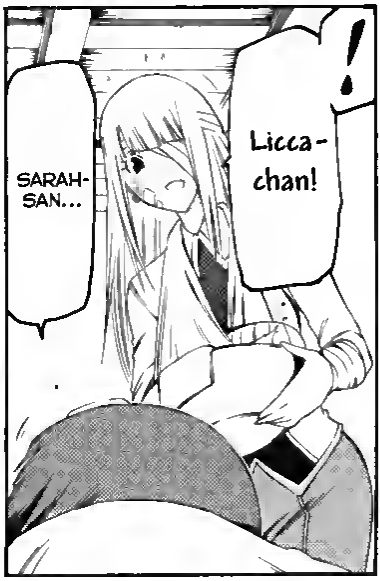
I... I AM PATHETIC, DAMMIT..!!
EVEN THOUGH ...
EVERYONE DESPERATELY FOUGHT..!
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE THAT "PATHETIC," THAT SUITS YOU JUST FINE, HUH?
Got up..?!
Master ..?!
Ow..?!
PANIC!
You were getting on my nerves, so I hit you.
I-

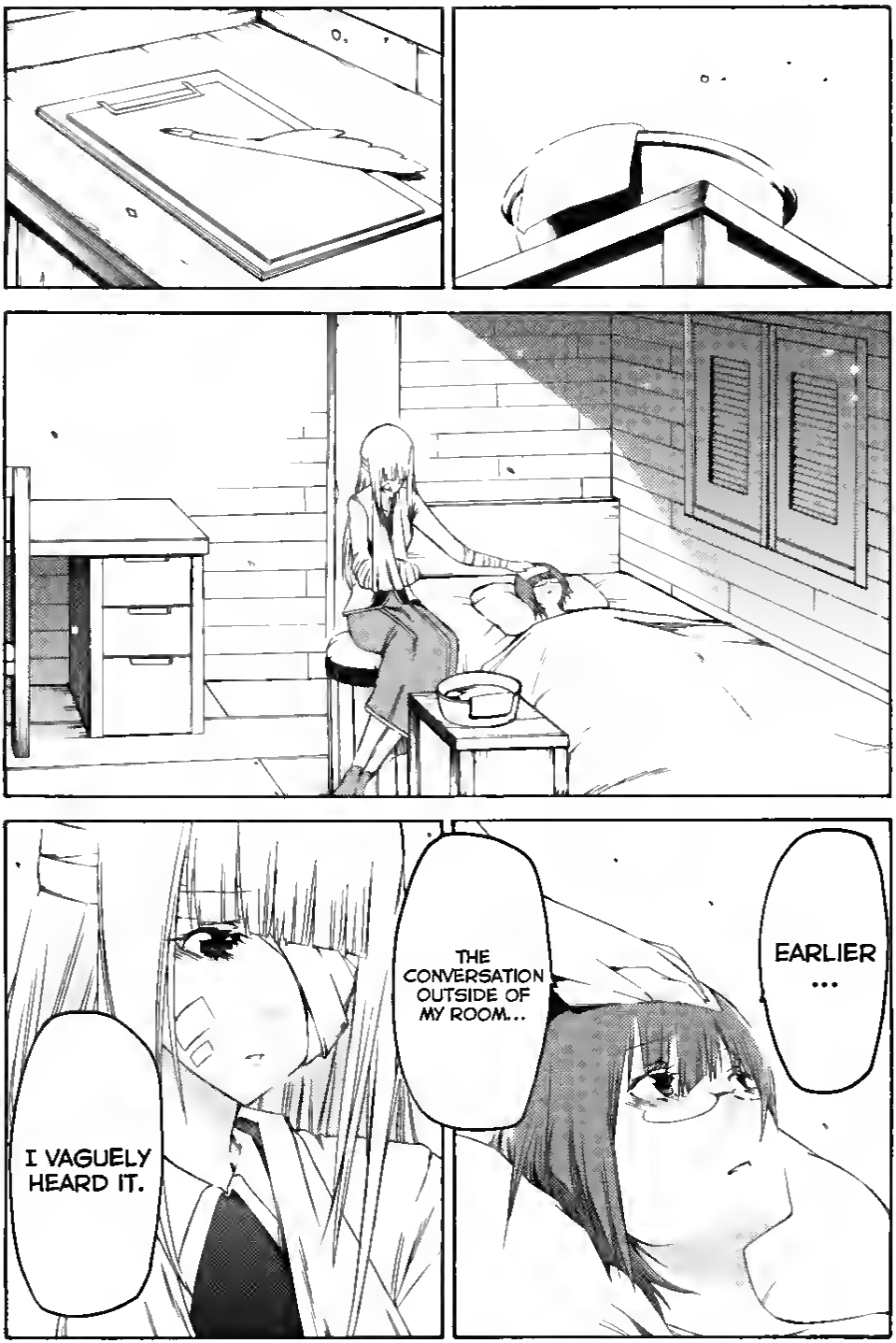
"WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?"
LET'S JUST THINK ABOUT THAT.
BOTH ME AND YOU,
IN ME,
THERE'S SOMEONE THAT NEEDS A GOOD BEATIN' TO WAKE UP.
SO...
WHAT'LL YOU DO, AGE?

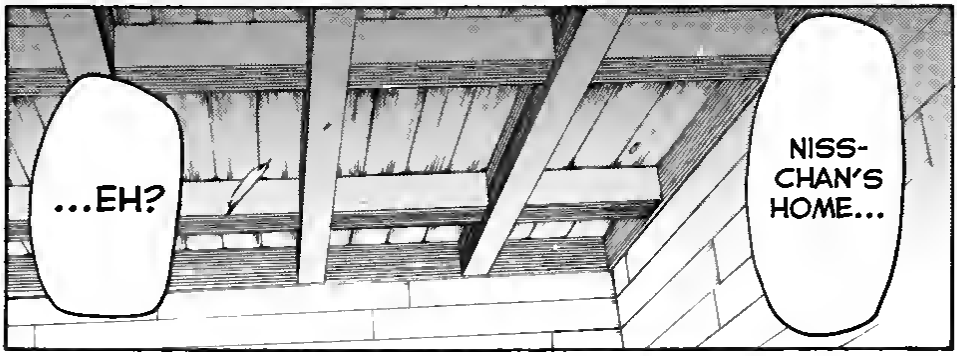
LICCA


MIO WAS... KIDNAPPED, WASN'T SHE..?
.....
FROM GALIOLE-SAN'S PUPPET, WE MANAGED TO CONFIRM THAT SHE'S OKAY FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT...

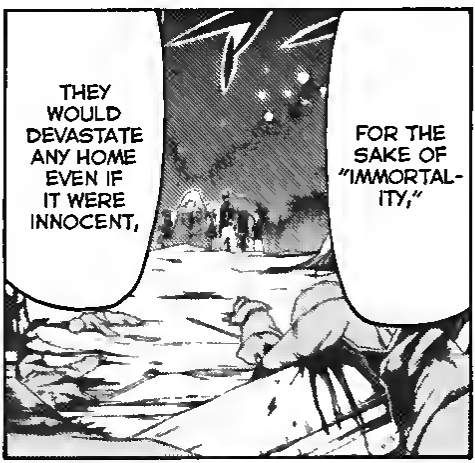

!
Licca-chan!
SARAH-SAN...

OW-
SO IT WASN'T ...
A DREAM, HUH..?
YEAH ...
I REALLY ...
MY RIGHT ARM
IS GONE, ISN'T IT..?


EARLIER ...
THE CONVERSATION OUTSIDE OF MY ROOM...
I VAGUELY HEARD IT.

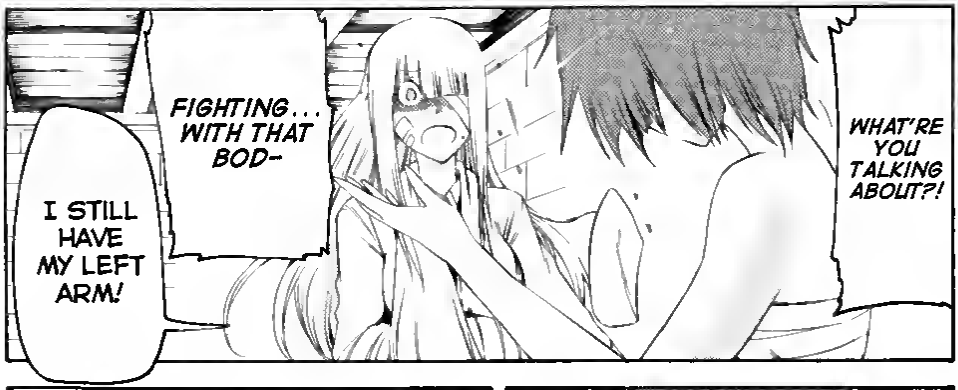

NISS-CHAN'S HOME...
...EH?

AND THE HAPPINESS THAT SHOULD'VE CONTINUED ...
AS WELL AS MANY LIVES, WERE ALL TAKEN AWAY...

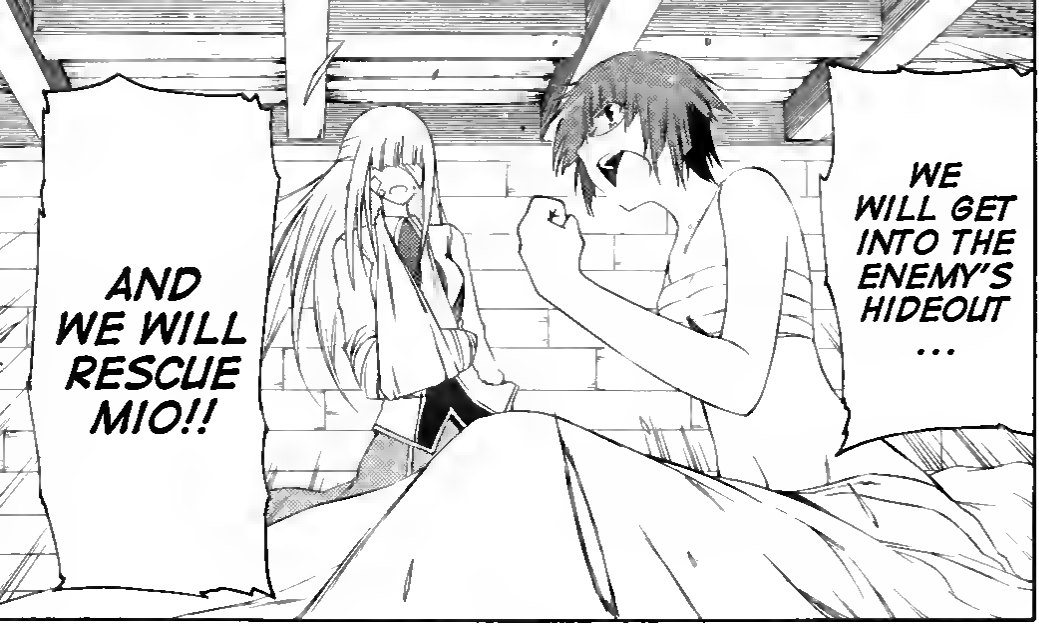

FOR THE SAKE OF "IMMORTAL-ITY,"
THEY WOULD DEVASTATE ANY HOME EVEN IF IT WERE INNOCENT,

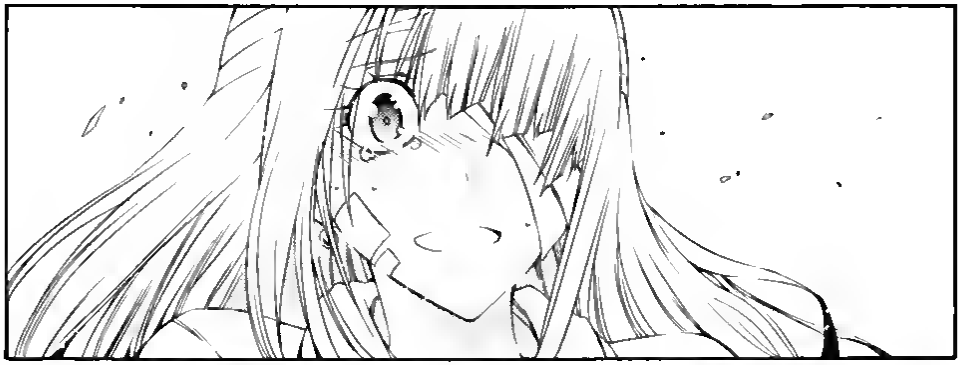
IF ONLY THEY HAD CONTINUED TO LIVE,
FROM HERE ON, SURELY, THAT HOME WOULD GROW.

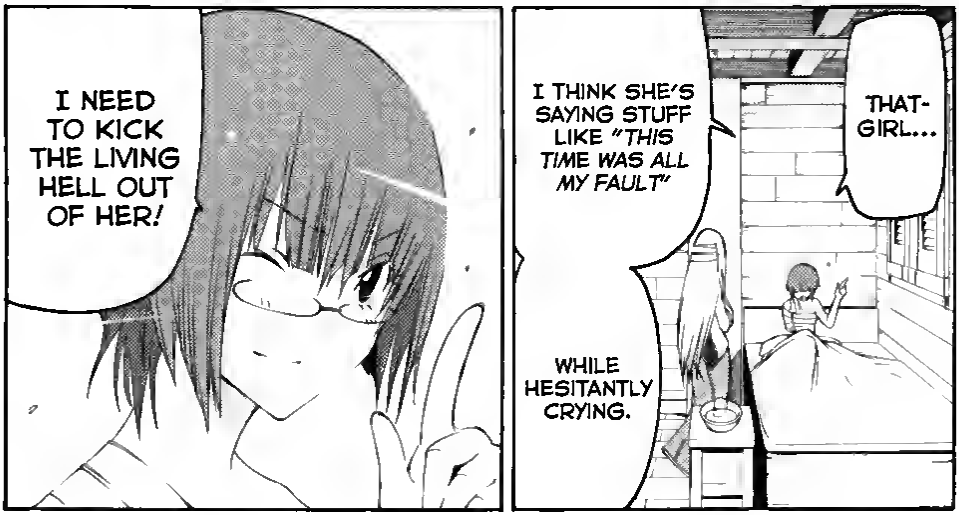
LET'S FIGHT!
WE, THE OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENTS,
CANNOT RUN FROM THOSE FELONS!


WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
FIGHTING... WITH THAT BOD-
I STILL HAVE MY LEFT ARM!

And if my left arm's severed,
I'll still have my legs,
and even my mouth!
NOTHING IS OVER YET!


WE WILL GET INTO THE ENEMY'S HIDEOUT ...
AND WE WILL RESCUE MIO!!




THAT- GIRL...
I THINK SHE'S SAYING STUFF LIKE "THIS TIME WAS ALL MY FAULT"
WHILE HESITANTLY CRYING.
I NEED TO KICK THE LIVING HELL OUT OF HER!

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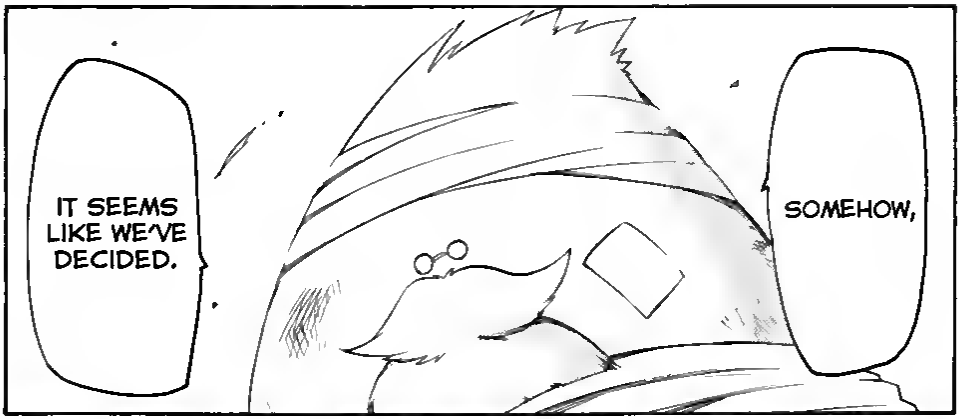
NOTHING IS...
OVER YET...
DAT'S MY BEST FRIEND FOR YA!
STRONG MISSY, AIN'T SHE?


IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE DECIDED.
SOMEHOW,

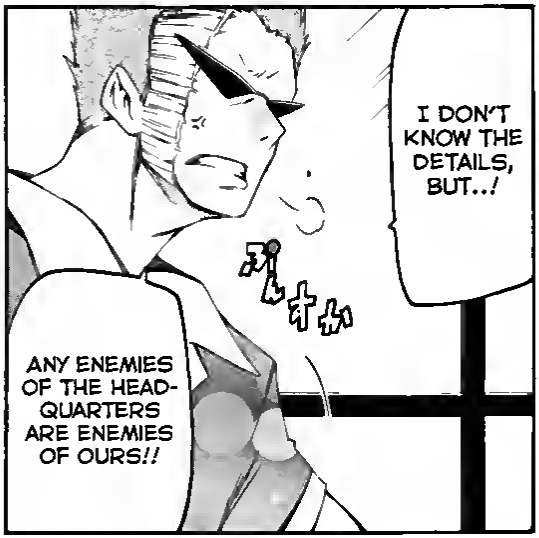
FOR THE SAKE OF THE OCEANIC AFFAIRS AGENTS' PRIDE,
WE WILL GET INTO THE HIDEOUT OF THE GROUP THAT CAUSES HARM TO HOMES,
AND WE WILL RESCUE MIO-KUN!

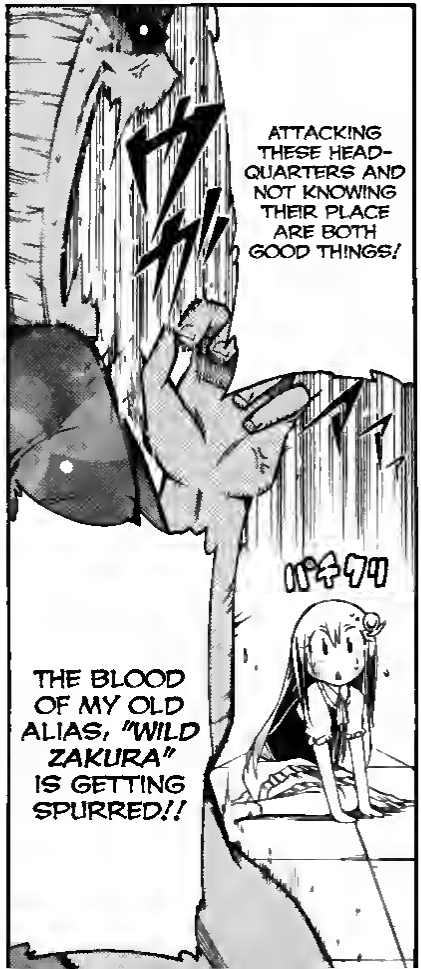
IS THAT SO...
I LEFT THEM TO YOU TO HANDLE...
MIO AND THE HIDEOUT...
WELL THEN... HM...
At the very least, that bastard Nirvana will definitely come here..!
No mistake, I can tell from looking at Yan that he must've already known about me...

BOARD CHAIR-MAN!!
!
EVACUATING EVERYONE TO ANOTHER ISLAND HOME...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THAT?!!
IT'S AS I TOLD YOU, ZAKURA.
THESE HEAD-QUARTERS WILL BECOME A BATTLEFIELD.
I CAN'T GET EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THIS.
……ッ!!
YOU'D BETTER EVACUATE QUICKLY TOO.
I'VE ONLY EVER ASKED OF HELP FROM YOU.
THESE ARE PROS.

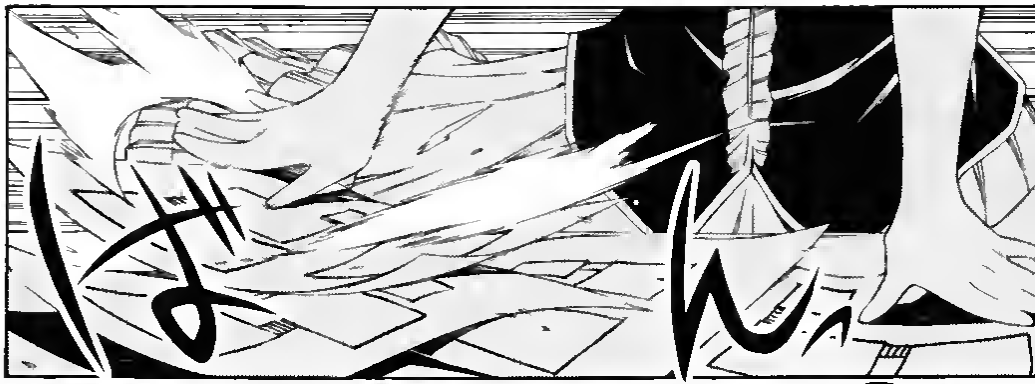
IIIIDIOT!!!
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!!!

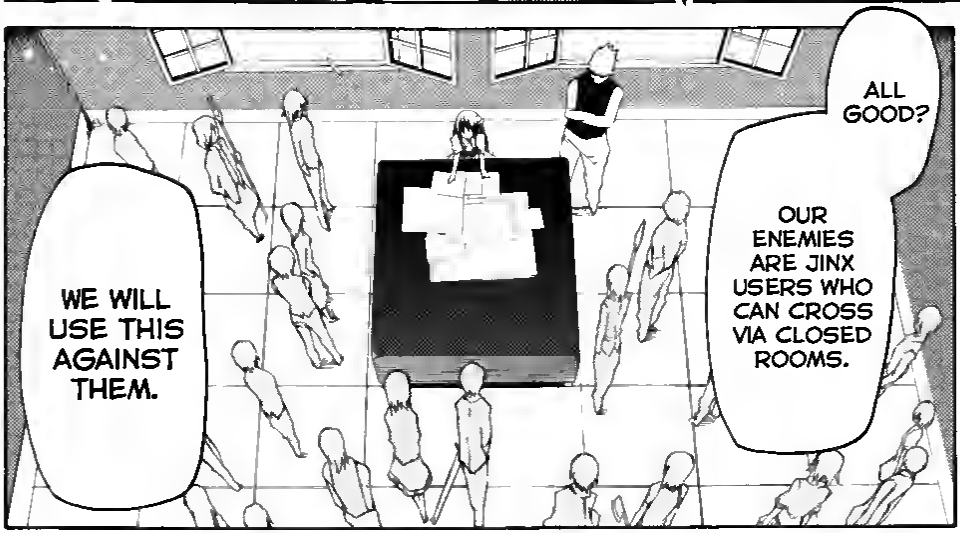
ZAKURA...


I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT..!
ANY ENEMIES OF THE HEAD-QUARTERS ARE ENEMIES OF OURS!!

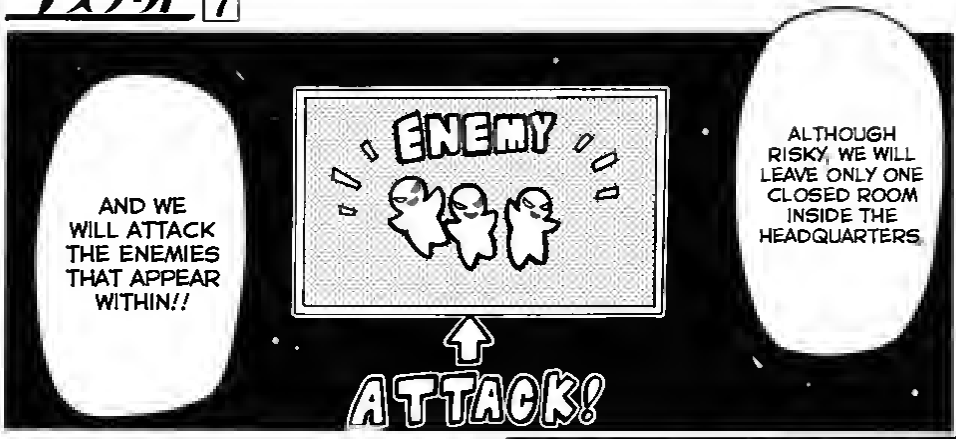

ATTACKING THESE HEAD-QUARTERS AND NOT KNOWING THEIR PLACE ARE BOTH GOOD THINGS!
THE BLOOD OF MY OLD ALIAS, "WILD ZAKURA" IS GETTING SPURRED!!

PLEASE LOOK.
EVERYONE ...
FEELS THE SAME!
AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED, THESE HEAD-QUARTERS...
AS THE WORD GOES, IS "HOME!"



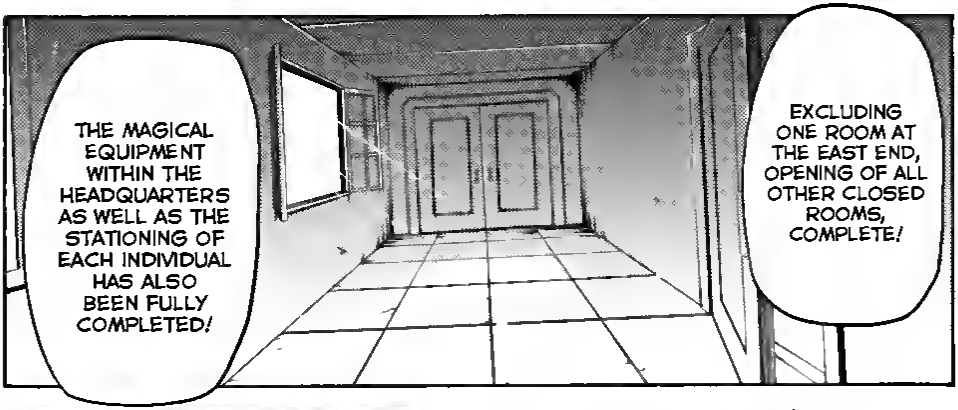

ALL GOOD?
OUR ENEMIES ARE JINX USERS WHO CAN CROSS VIA CLOSED ROOMS.
WE WILL USE THIS AGAINST THEM.

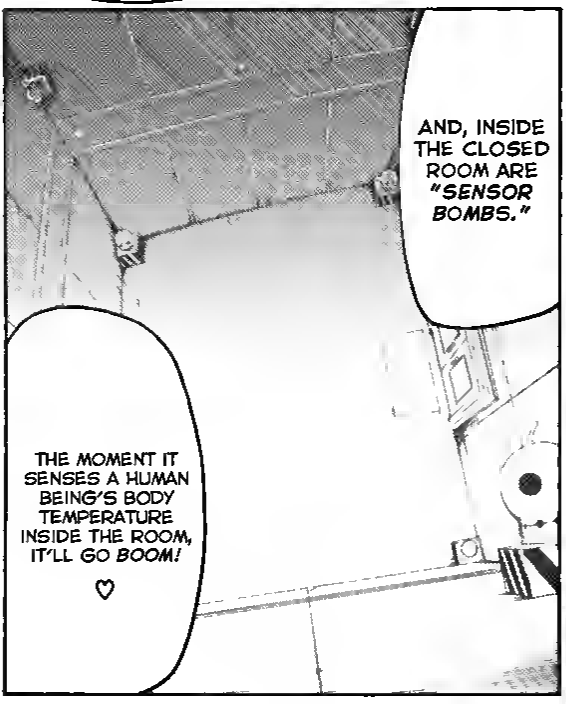
IN THAT CASE, IF WE OPENED UP ALL OF THE CLOSED ROOMS WITHIN THE HEAD-QUARTERS...
NO.
THE ENEMY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME HERE?
THE OTHER END HAS YAN, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE ISLAND HOMES OF THESE COASTAL WATERS.
ON THE OTHER HAND, AS LONG AS THEY PASS THROUGH OTHER ISLANDS, THE DAMAGE WOULD ONLY SPREAD.

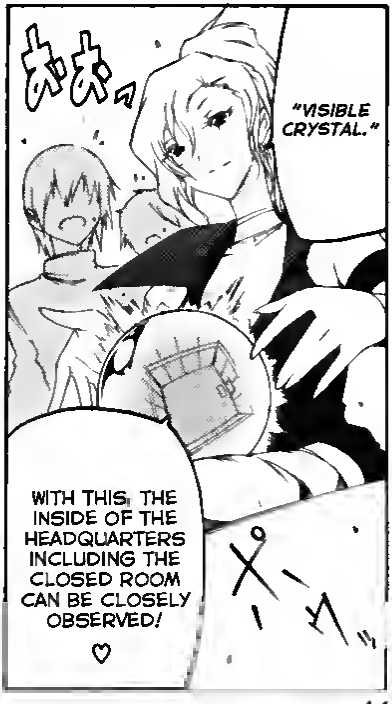

ALTHOUGH RISKY, WE WILL LEAVE ONLY ONE CLOSED ROOM INSIDE THE HEADQUARTERS.
ENEMY
AND WE WILL ATTACK THE ENEMIES THAT APPEAR WITHIN!!
ATTACK!

THE REST OF OUR STRATEGY WILL BE AS EXPLAINED.
OUR ENEMY ...
WILL ATTACK MANY HOMES.
THIS PARTY OF HERETICS WHO HAVE SNATCHED AWAY TONS OF LIVES...
WE MUST STOP THEM HERE.

HOWEVER,
I WANT EVERYONE TO CONSIDER YOUR OWN LIVES AS TOP PRIORITY WHILE EXECUTING THIS STRATEGY PERFECTLY!
YOU ABSOLUTELY MUSTN'T LOSE YOUR LIVES!!


THE MAGICAL EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS THE STATIONING OF EACH INDIVIDUAL HAS ALSO BEEN FULLY COMPLETED!
EXCLUDING ONE ROOM AT THE EAST END, OPENING OF ALL OTHER CLOSED ROOMS, COMPLETE!


AND, INSIDE THE CLOSED ROOM ARE *"SENSOR BOMBS."*
THE MOMENT IT SENSES A HUMAN BEING'S BODY TEMPERATURE INSIDE THE ROOM, IT'LL GO *BOOM!* ♡


"VISIBLE CRYSTAL."
WITH THIS, THE INSIDE OF THE HEADQUARTERS INCLUDING THE CLOSED ROOM CAN BE CLOSELY OBSERVED! ♡

...IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS ALREADY, HUH..?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO COME, COME ALREADY...
My waist hurts...

!!!
FIGURES INSIDE A CLOSED ROOM...
ARE HERE!!!

THE SENSOR BOMBS WENT OFF!!
DID THEY WORK?!!
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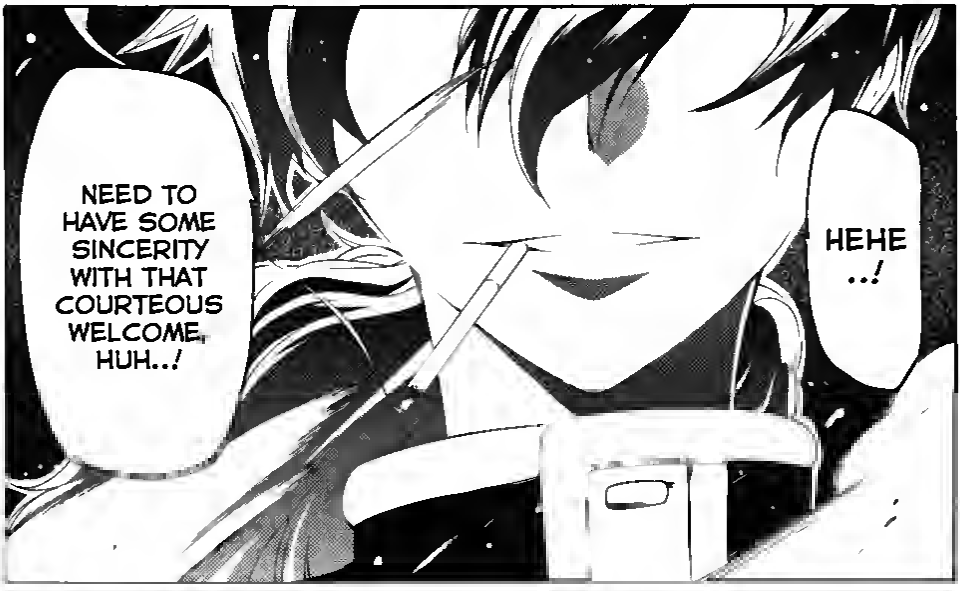
WAH..! WE'RE SUDDENLY COVERED IN DUST!
THAT'S SERIOUSLY UNBELIEV-ABLE, HMPH...
THEY READ OUR MOVEMENTS AND EXECUTED AN AMBUSH, HM?

I HAVE "HALTED" THE FLAME BLAST.
KNOWING THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, I ASSUMED SHE WOULD DEFINITELY SET SOMETHING UP FOR US.


HEHE ..!
NEED TO HAVE SOME SINCERITY WITH THAT COURTEOUS WELCOME, HUH..!

Kill.
HEH ...
EVEN FOR ME...
I SURELY WOULDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE DEFEATED FROM JUST SOME BOMBS..!

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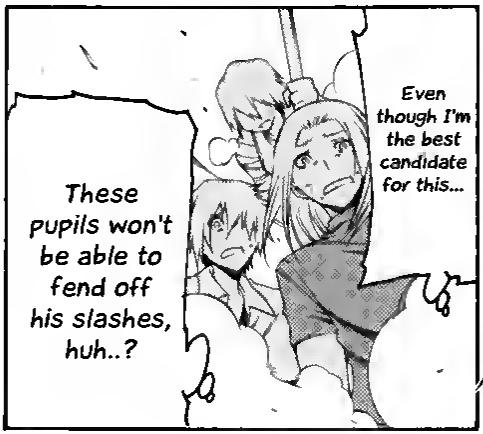
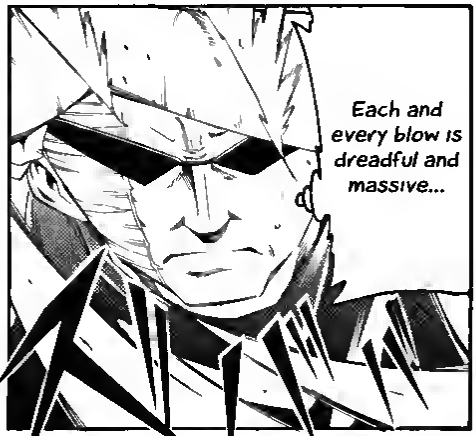
Act 23: No Matter How Favourable Conditions are on the Surface, They Will Not Match the Power of the Enemies in Unison

WHAAA ..?!
Uncle, being super tough is boringgg!!
Let me cut the people behind you, yoo..!!!
It's a kid..?!!

UGH-
WAH-


These pupils won't be able to fend off his slashes, huh..?
Even though I'm the best candidate for this...


Each and every blow is dreadful and massive...

ISHIBE-KINKICHI KANA-KABUTO
JINX: EXTREME RESOLUTENESS
!?

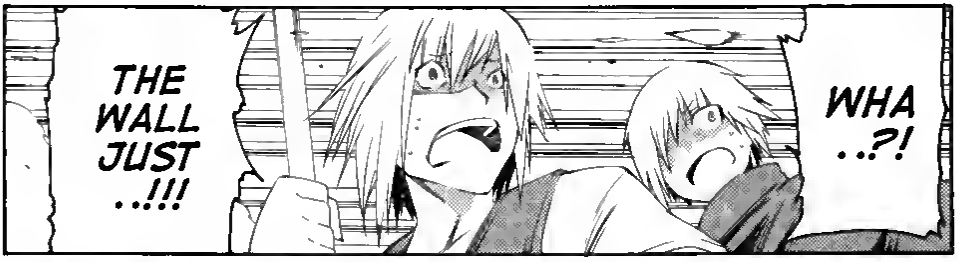
LET'S FOLLOW OUR STRATEGY!
that I am here.

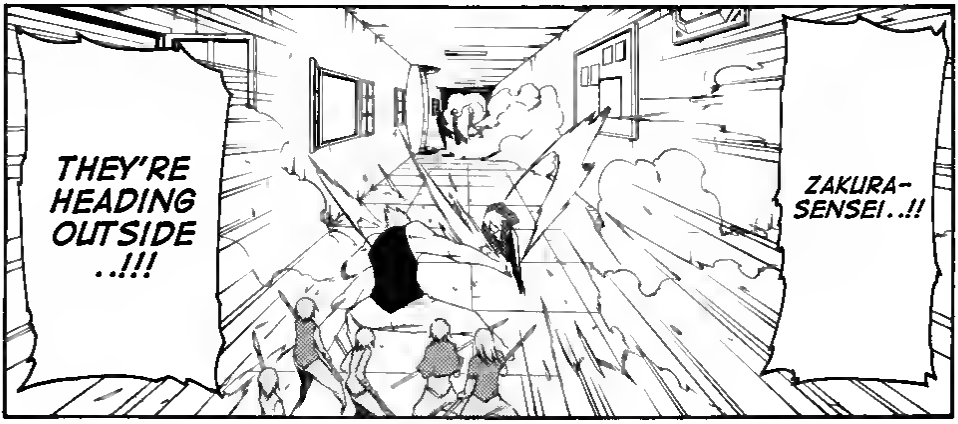
EVERYONE, CALM DOWN!
It's especially because of that,

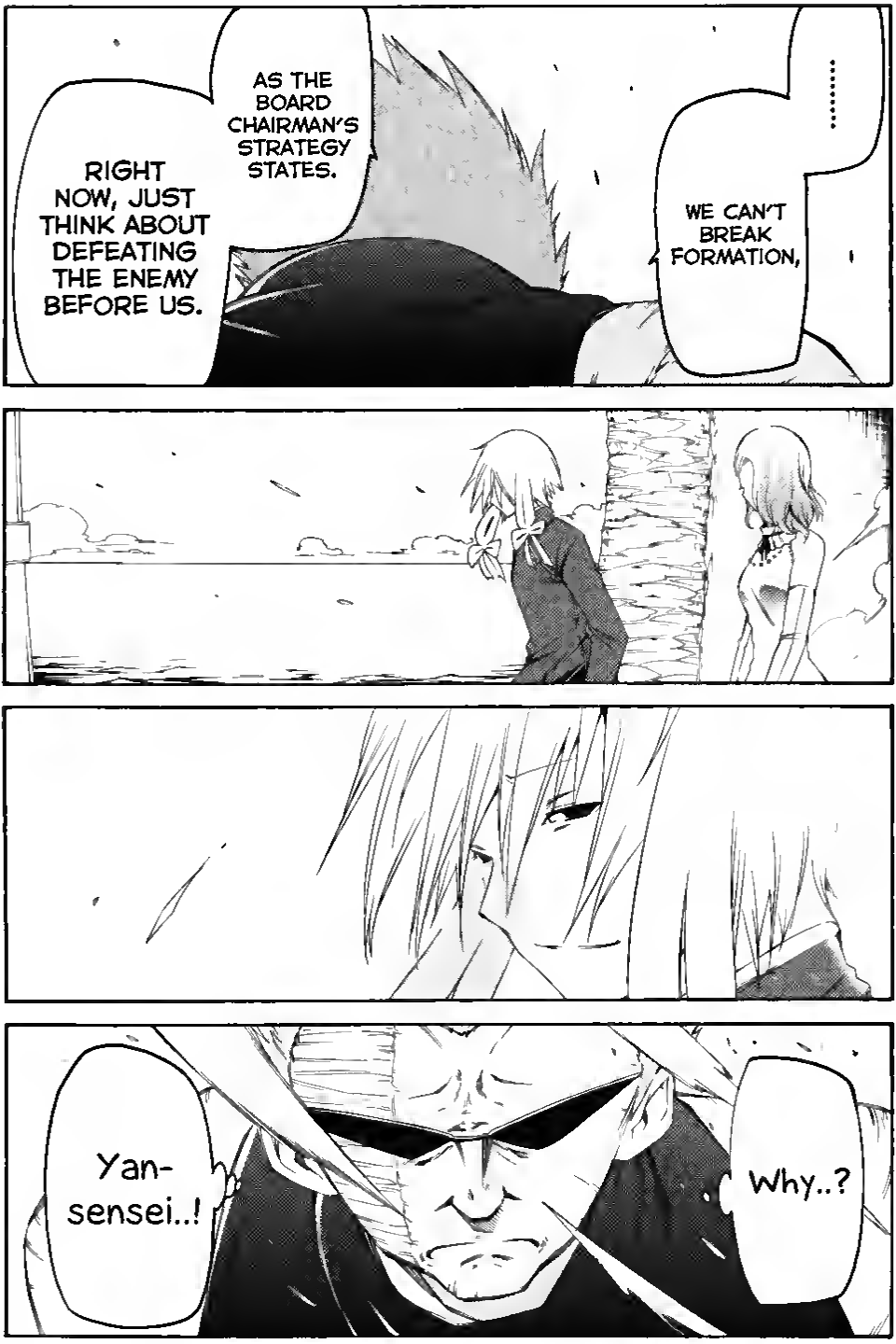
YES!!!
Y...
EHH...
A TACTIC WHERE YOU LET THE IRON WALL JINX USER DO ALL THE "PROTECTING,"
WHILE YOU STRIKE THROUGH THE GAPS FROM THE REAR, HUH?

FON.
YOU ACT SEPARATELY.
COVER-EVERY-ONE-OF-US.
SHALL I BREAK THEM UP?
JUST LEAVE IT TO RAMA.
IT'D BE AWFUL TO STEAL HIS FUN.
AFTER THAT, YOU'RE FREE TO PLAY AS YOU WISH.
...GEEZ.
NIR HANDLES HIS PEOPLE ROUGH, HUH..?
SERIOUSLY UNBELIEVABLE, HMPH.
HEHEH...
YOU'RE FAIRLY SICK YOURSELF, AREN'T 'CHA?

WELL ...
HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS YOU WISH!


THE WALL JUST ..!!!
WHA ..?!


THEY'RE HEADING OUTSIDE ..!!!
ZAKURA-SENSEI..!!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WE CAN'T BREAK FORMATION,
AS THE BOARD CHAIRMAN'S STRATEGY STATES.
RIGHT NOW, JUST THINK ABOUT DEFEATING THE ENEMY BEFORE US.
Why..?
Yan-sensei..!

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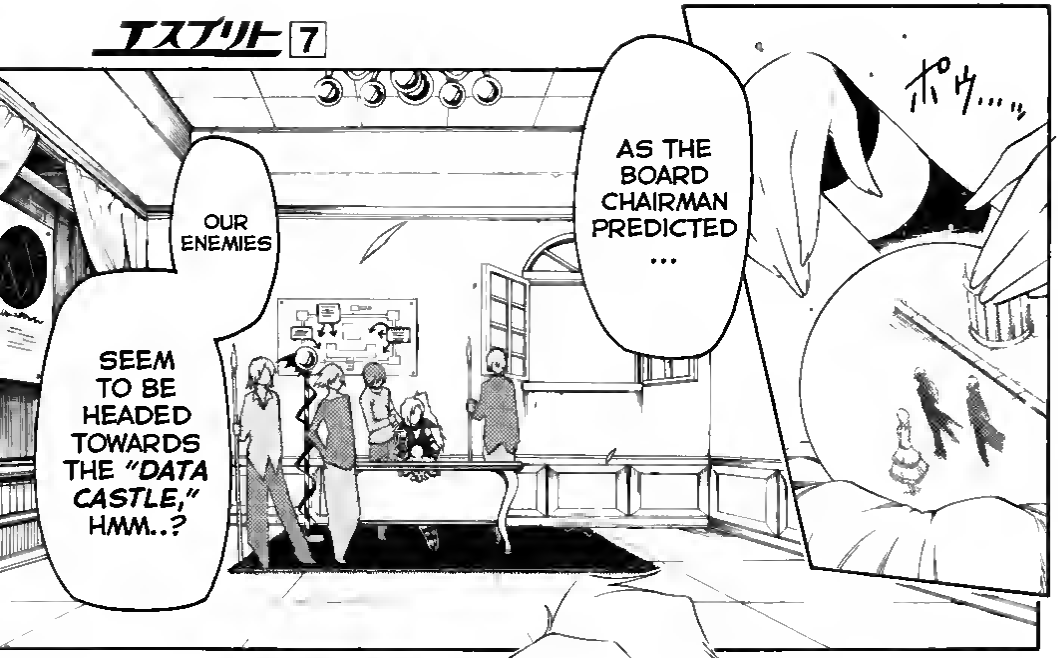
WELL?
WHERE IS THIS "DATA CASTLE"?

IT'S A SEPARATE LITTLE ISLAND BEHIND THE HEAD-QUARTERS.
I WILL GUIDE YOU THERE.

HEYY, HEYYY ...
ISN'T THIS WEIRD AFTER ALL?
JUST NOW, THERE WAS GUNFIRE...
I THINK WE SHOULD GO PLAY ANOTHER TIM-
MUMU!
I FIGURED IT OUT!
It's unmistakably a festival!!
I'm sure everybody's together in that Home holding some sort of festivities!!


AS THE BOARD CHAIRMAN PREDICTED ...
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OUR ENEMIES SEEM TO BE HEADED TOWARDS THE "DATA CASTLE," HMM..?

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ANOTHER 10 M UNTIL THEY REACH THE STRATEGY'S NEXT EXECUTION POINT!

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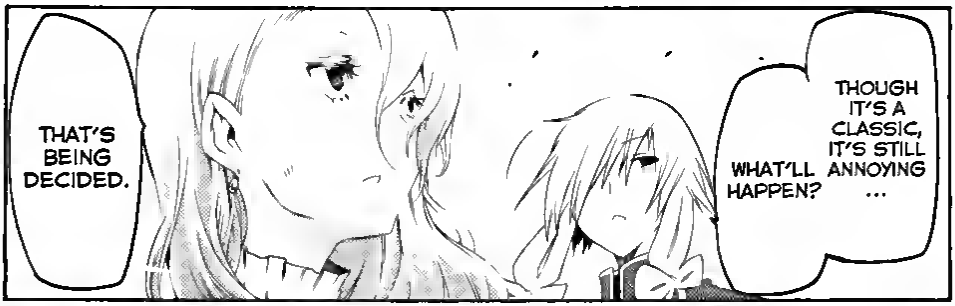
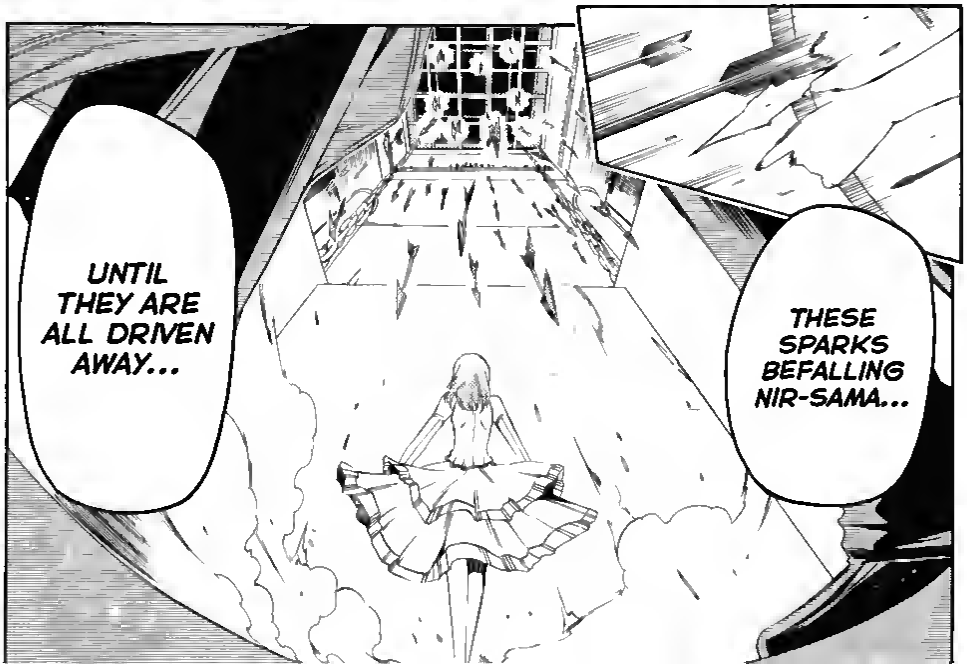
QUITE THE ELABORATE TRAP, HUH?


THAT'S BEING DECIDED.
WHAT'LL HAPPEN?
THOUGH IT'S A CLASSIC, IT'S STILL ANNOYING ...


UNTIL THEY ARE ALL DRIVEN AWAY...
THESE SPARKS BEFALLING NIR-SAMA...

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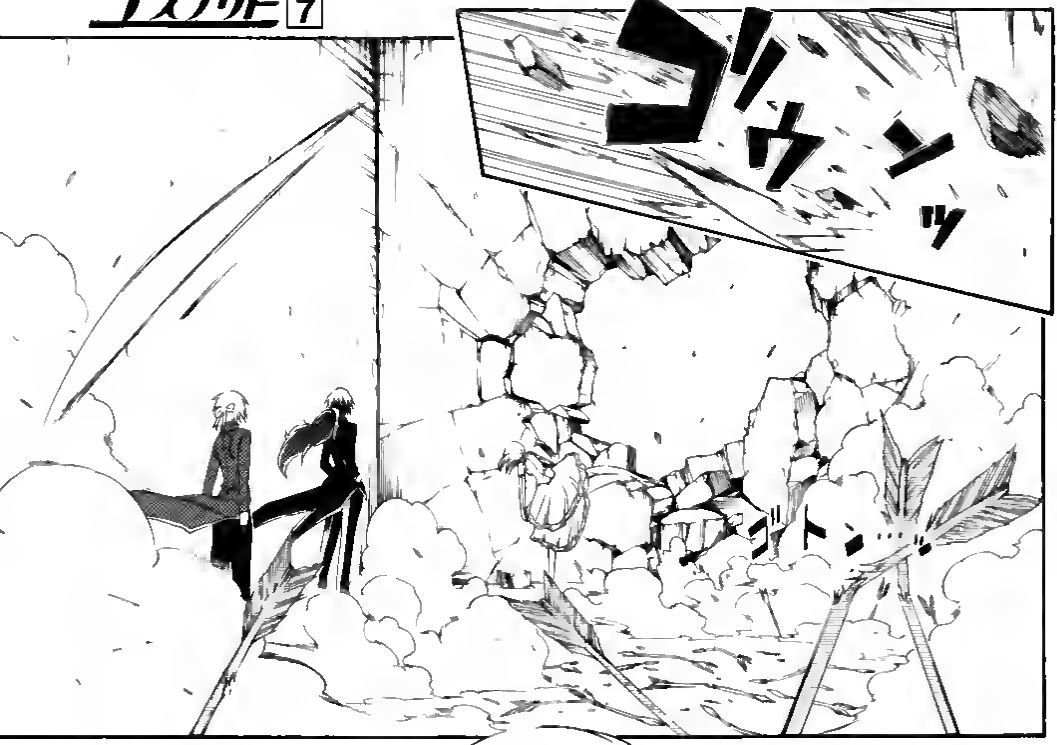
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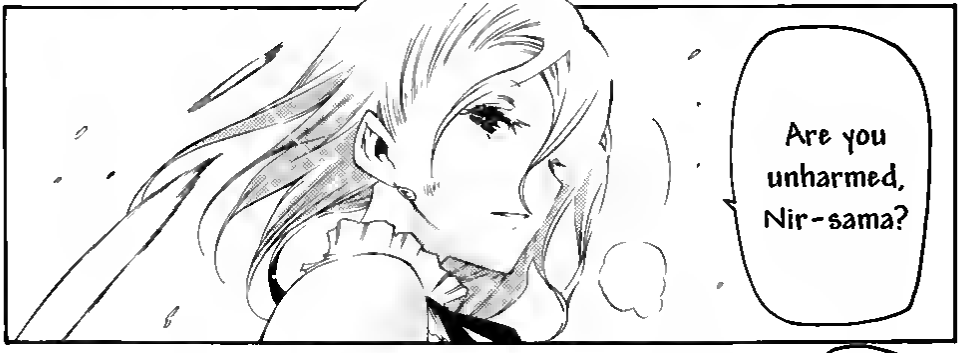
Are you unharmed, Nir-sama?

YEAH.
YOU'RE A TRULY GOOD GIRL, BELTA.

AT THIS RATE, THER ARE GOING TO BE MORE VARIOUS KINDS OF TRAPS SET-UP GOING FORWARD, RIGHT?
YOU'RE RIGHT...
IN THAT CASE, I WILL TORTURE THE PEOPLE UP THERE AND FORCE THEM TO TALK.
NOT NEEDED.
THOSE GUYS CAN *NO-LONGER-DO-ANYTHING* TO US.
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SOON, THAT FON WILL TAKE ACTION.
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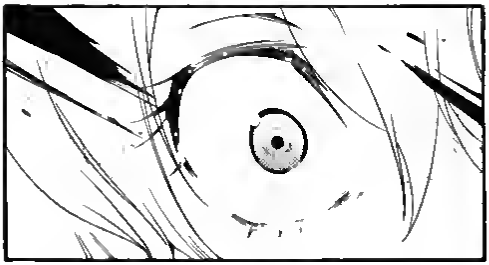
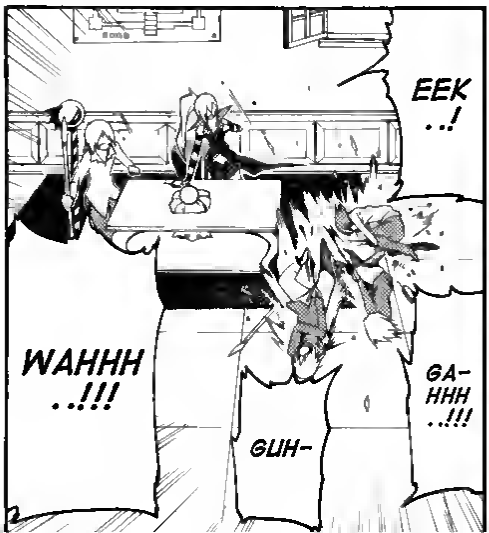
THE ENEMY'S HEADED TO THE NEXT STRATEGIC POINT!
C TEAM, ARE YOU READY?!
……?
C TEAM?!
WHAT'S WRONG, C TEAM?!
PLEASE RESPOND!!
GUH …
C TEAM?!
AUGH …

Total annihilation..?!
You're kidding..?!

IT'S NO GOOD, MINT-SENSEI!
THERE'S NO RESPONSE FROM BOTH D TEAM AND E TEAM!




EEK..!
WAHHH..!!!
GUH-
GA-HHH..!!!

GAH-
HOW'D THEY-
ISN'T THIS ROOM IN A BLIND SPOT FROM THE OUTSIDE, THOUGH?!
THAT'S ..!!
SNIPER FIRE..?!
H-
HOW ..?!

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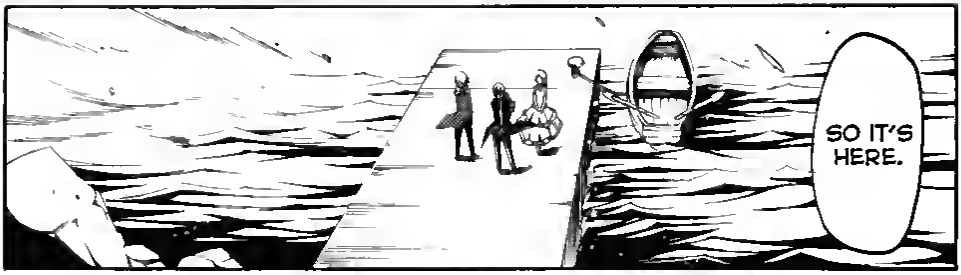
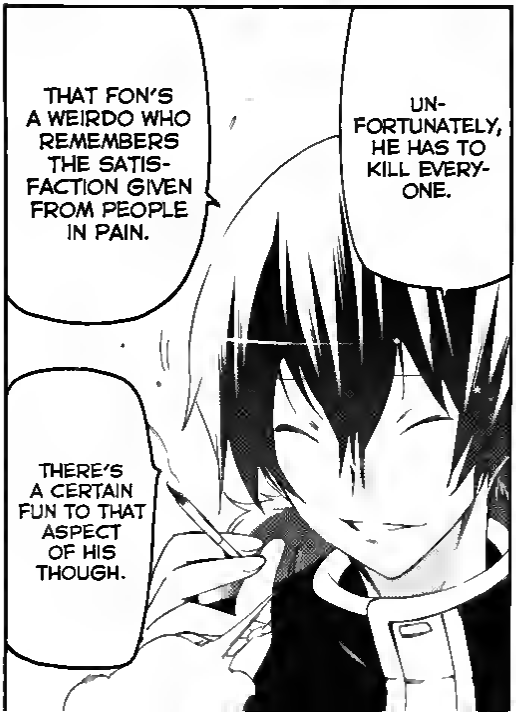
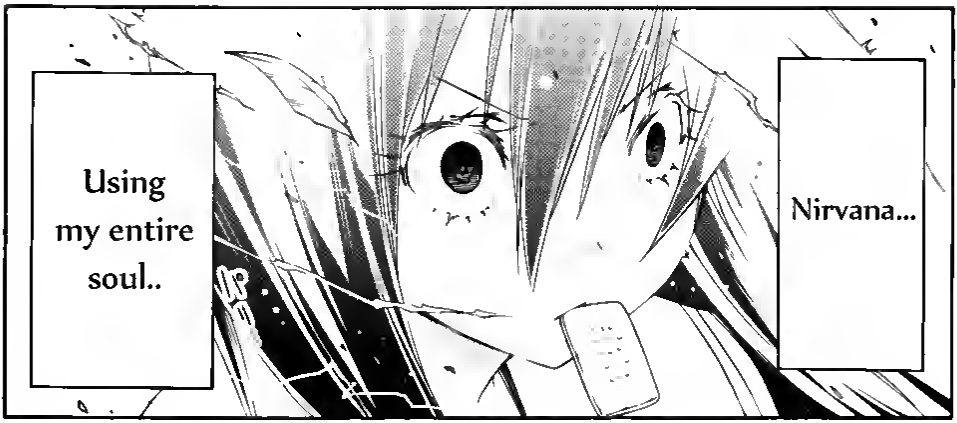
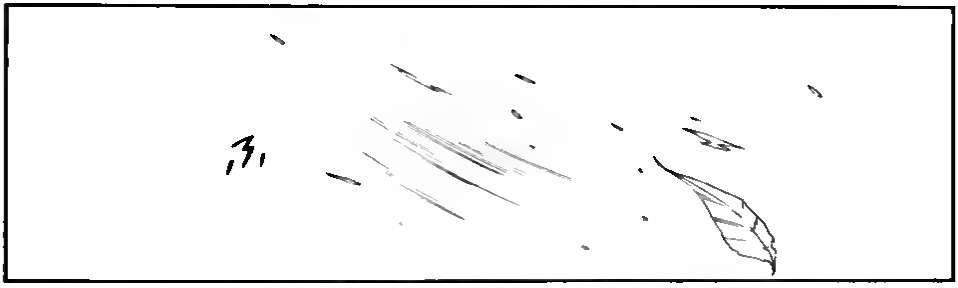

SO IT'S HERE.


UN-FORTUNATELY, HE HAS TO KILL EVERY-ONE.
THAT FON'S A WEIRDO WHO REMEMBERS THE SATIS-FACTION GIVEN FROM PEOPLE IN PAIN.
THERE'S A CERTAIN FUN TO THAT ASPECT OF HIS THOUGH.

A MASSACRE IS RATHER DESPICABLE, ISN'T IT?
HM?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT FON'S SNIPING?

I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE THERE'S ANY MERIT TO POINTLESS KILLING.
NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU WORRIED?
Hehe~
SO I SEE...
BEEP


Using my entire soul..
Nirvana...



I will stop you right here!!!

...HOW AWFUL, YAN!
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'TWAS A BIT DANGEROUS JUST NOW!
YOU REACTED SUPERBLY, DIDN'T 'CHA!

NO...
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, SHE DEFINITELY WOULD'VE FIGURED TO COME TO THIS AREA TO AMBUSH.
I-
I messed up..!!!
HEHEH ..!
AREN'T YOU HOSTILE AFTER AN 80-YEAR REUNION!
LOTTE LU-NA-CA-N-TA.

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GUN-FIRE ..?!
OOPS.
I BELIEVE YOU'RE LOTTE CITRULLINE NOW, RIGHT?
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU.

I'VE FIGURED IT OUT.
HOW TO GET TO "THAT-ISLAND."
...WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' 'BOUT?
I TOTALLY DON'T CATCH YER DRIFT.
MY BAD.
HOWEVER, PERSONALLY MEETING ME *HERE*...
...MEANS THERE'S PROBABLY SOMETHIN' IN THE *DATA CASTLE* BEYOND, RIGHT?
WELL, FINE.
I SUPPOSE I'LL SEARCH BY MYSELF THEN.

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...I WON'T ALLOW YOU.
MY FA-MI-LY SLEEPS AT THAT LAND.
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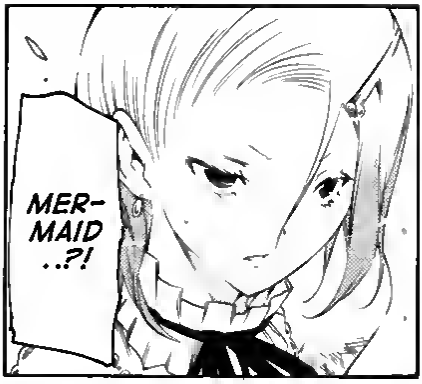
I ABSOLUTE-LY WON'T.

IM-
MORTAL-
ITY!
BELTA.
KEEP HER
STILL.
YAN,
YOU COME
WITH ME.

AS YOU DESIRE, NIR-SAMA.
CRAP ..!!
SO SHE'S THE SO-CALLED JINX USER WHO CAN NULLIFY JINXES.!!

!!
STOP..!!!
YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE TIME TO LOOK AWAY?
I APOLOGIZE, BUT...
NIR-SAMA'S WORDS ARE ABSOLUTE.

I FIGURED IT OUT!
IT'S YOU! YOU'RE THE BAD GIRL, RIGHT..?!!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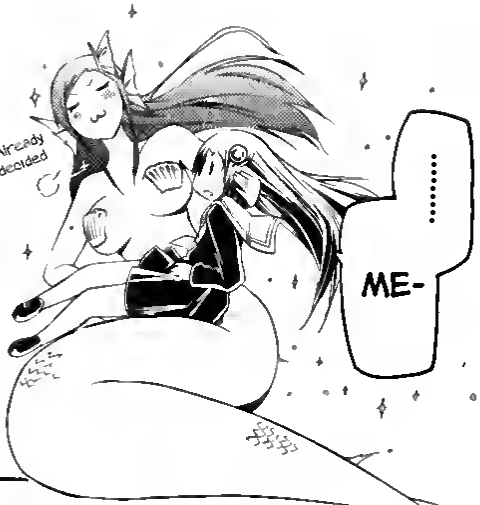
Already decided
ME-
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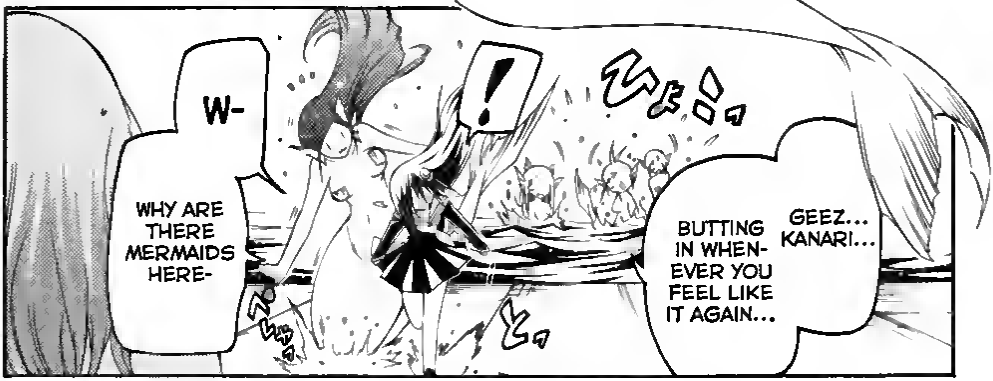
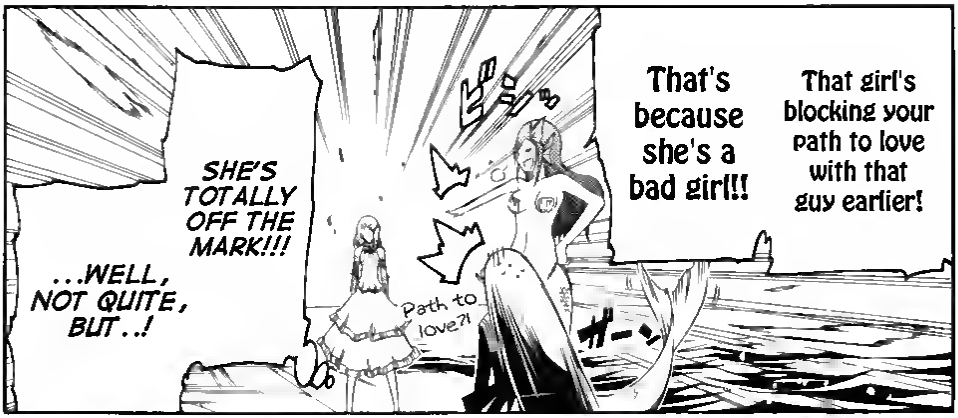

W-
WHY ARE THERE MERMAIDS HERE-
!
BUTTING IN WHEN-EVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT AGAIN...
GEEZ... KANARI...

I'm a mermaid that can read the atmo-sphere!!
I can totally perceive every-thing!
LEAVE THIS TO ME AND HURRY AND GO!

Wah-
B... BAD! HURRY AND FLEE!
THAT GIRL'S A JINX USER WHO CAN MAKE ANYONE WHO LOOKS AT HER BODY POWERLES-
Hm?
I'll be okay so long as I don't-look?
Eh?


That girl's blocking your path to love with that guy earlier!
That's because she's a bad girl!!
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SHE'S TOTALLY OFF THE MARK!!!
...WELL, NOT QUITE, BUT..!
Path to love?!
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I BELIEVE I HAVE NOT ALLOWED YOU TO GO!
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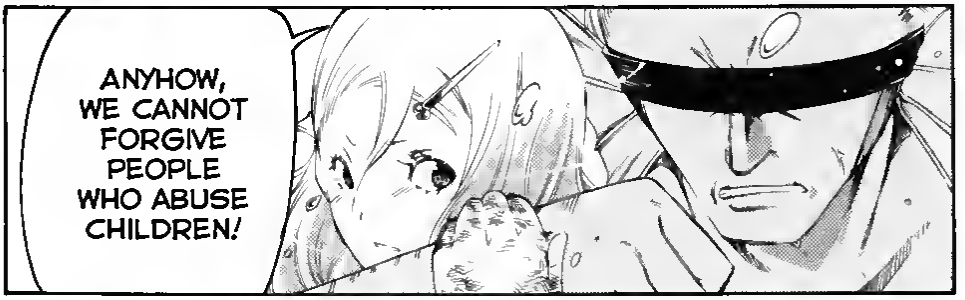
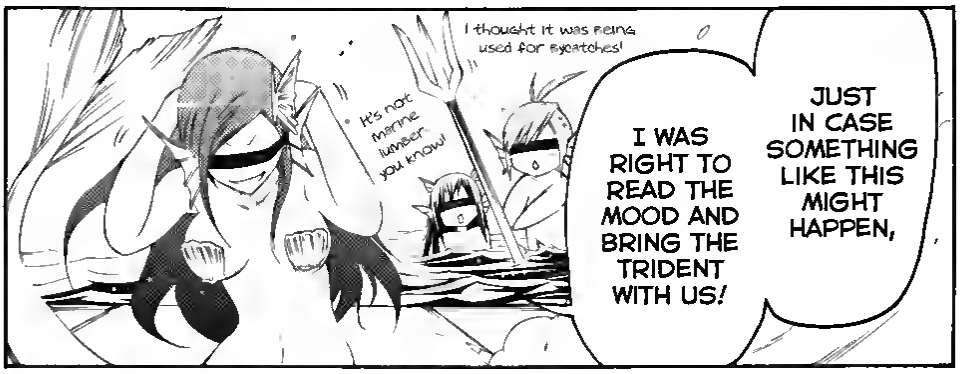
I'M INDEBTED TO YOU!!

!!!
THAT'S MY LINE!


ANYHOW, WE CANNOT FORGIVE PEOPLE WHO ABUSE CHILDREN!


JUST IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN,
I WAS RIGHT TO READ THE MOOD AND BRING THE TRIDENT WITH US!
I thought it was being used for eyeglasses!
It's not Marine Lumber you know!

If-
If I don't get away...
Nir-sama's words will be..!!!
If I don't get away..!

TL NOTE: "REFLECT" AS IN "CONTEMPLATE."

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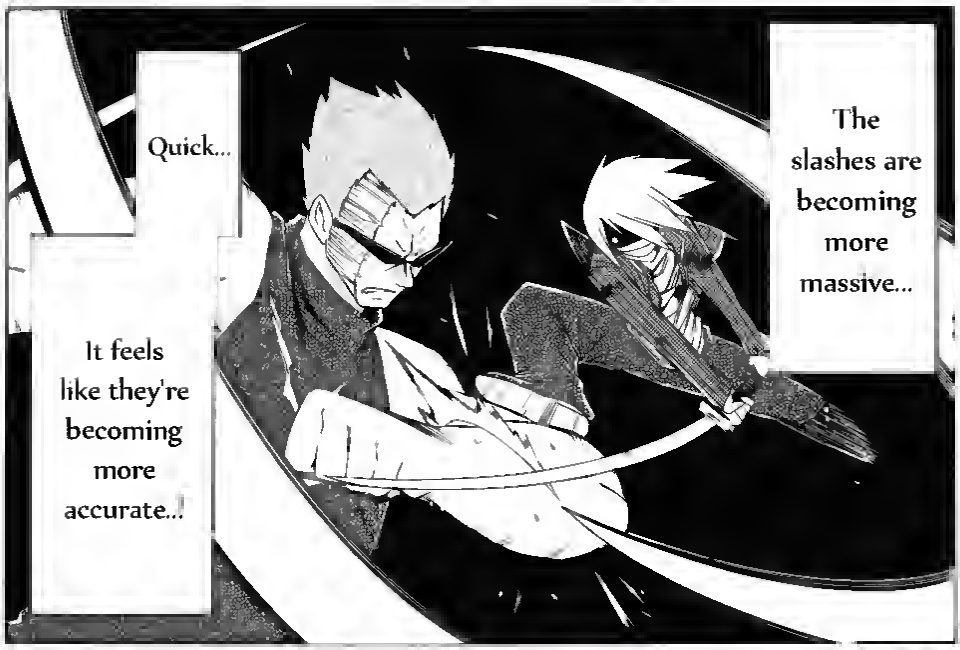
BY THE LIKES OF SEAFOOD ...

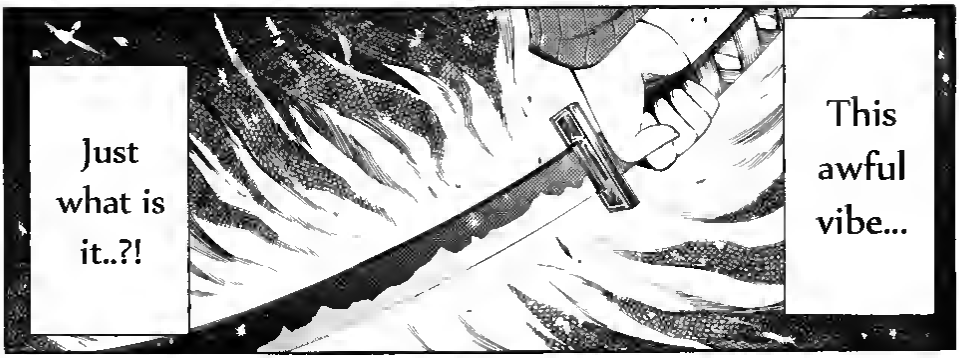
TL NOTE: "SURIMI (LITERALLY, GROUND MEAT) REFERS TO A PASTE MADE FROM FISH OR OTHER MEAT." SEE WIKIPEDIA.

Chill out..!
Give in and let me cut themmm..!!!
Even though this boy's slashes are annoying enough already...
Ugh-

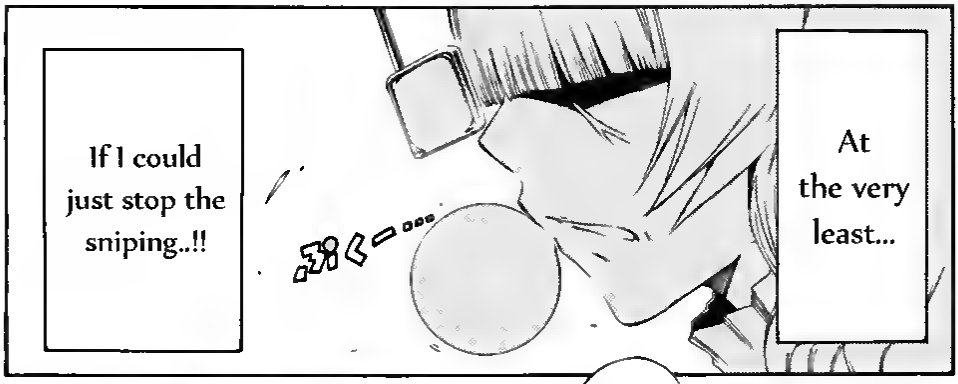
Where are these bullets coming from?!
What the heck?!
Ha
!!

Za...
Zakura-sensei..!
At this rate...
!!
As one would expect, I can't hold him off..!!
Also, this boy must be imagining things...
But despite that...
Actually, he clearly perceives his own fatigue as well...
I'd figure substantial damage is piling up for him...

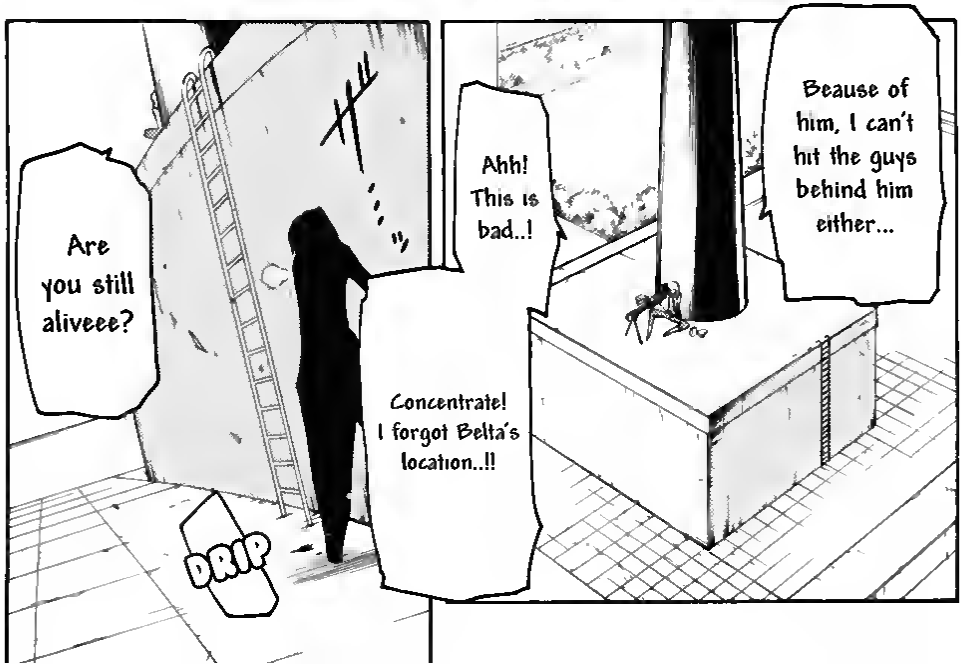

Quick...
It feels like they're becoming more accurate...
The slashes are becoming more massive...


Just what is it..?!
This awful vibe...

AT THE VERY LEAST ...
DAMN ..!!!


If I could just stop the sniping..!!
At the very least...

Seriously unbelievable, hmph!!
If he would've just eaten those few bullets, he'd be in a bit of pain!!
Tsk-
That's right! That old guy...


Are you still aliveee?
DRIP
Concentrate! I forgot Belta's location..!!
Ahh! This is bad..!
Beause of him, I can't hit the guys behind him either...

I found youuu...
HOW DARE YOUUU... YOU WERE HITTING MY BELOVED STUDENTS ...
...TO YOUR OWN PLEASING, WEREN'T 'CHAAA?! ♡
Well then! Everyone!
Commence our counter attackkk!!!

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マリリン＝ジョモスを探せ！

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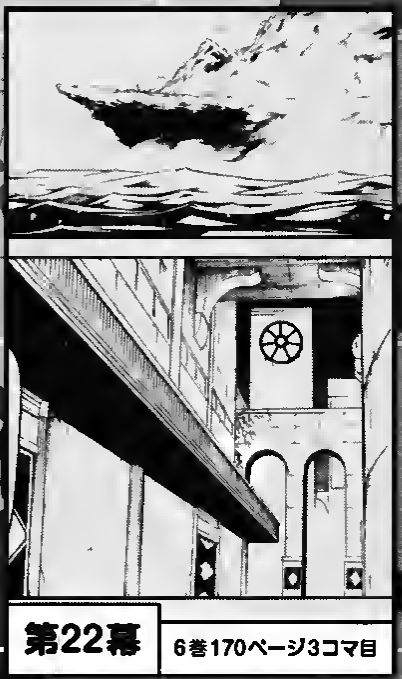
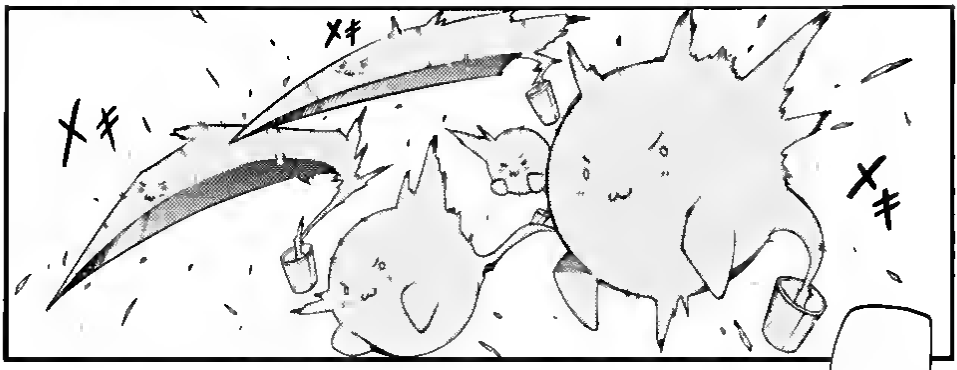


第22幕　6巻170ページ3コマ目

3幕での初登場以来、毎話どこかに存在するという「マリリン＝ジョモス」（単行本2巻あとがき参照）。すっかり皆さん、ジョモス探しが得意になったのではないでしょうか？それでは、6巻の解答発表です！　是非7巻でも探して見て下さいねー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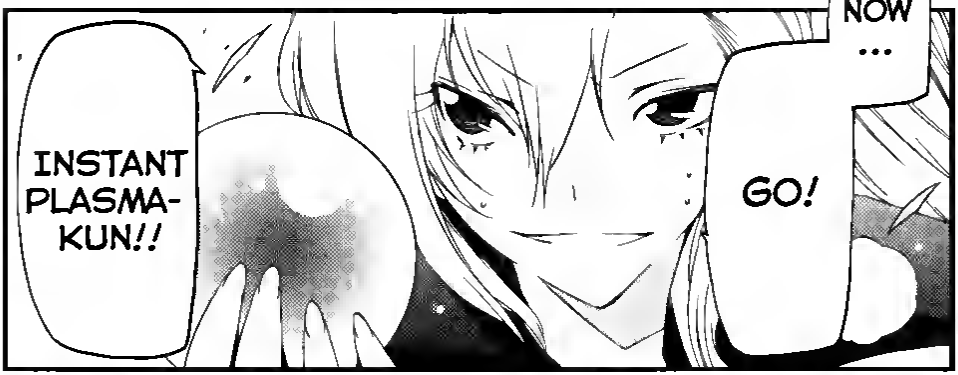
NOW ...
GO!
INSTANT PLASMA-KUN!!

INSTANT PLASMA-KUN

UNBELIEV-
ABLE,
HMPH!
...
SERI-
OUSLY
...
!!

I WAS DETECT-
EX... EXPLO-SIVE BUL-LETS ..!!!
AH..?
MAN... YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU..?
NO MATTER HOW SECRETIVELY YOU HID YOUR-SELF...
I CAN TOTALLY-SEE YOU!

FON DINA'S SHOTS ALWAYS-HIT!
ALL OBSTACLES ARE MEANING-LESS!
HYAPPATSU HYAKUCHUU
JINX: 100% ACCURACY
I "SIGHT" IN ON EVERY ENEMY WITHIN A 360 DEGREE RADIUS,
AND THEN "FIRE" MY MANIPULA-TED TRAJECT-ORIES.
FROM THE BEGINNING,
YOU GUYS COULD ONLY BE TOYED BY MY INVINCIBLE ABILITY! ♡
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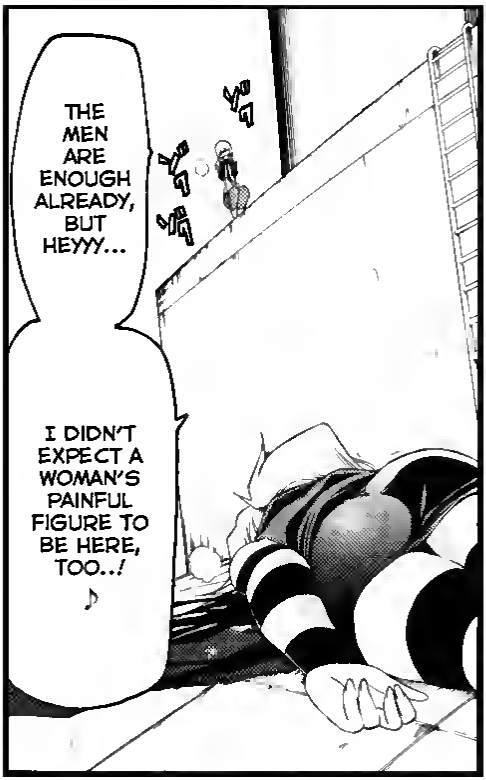
THE MEN ARE ENOUGH ALREADY, BUT HEYYY...
I DIDN'T EXPECT A WOMAN'S PAINFUL FIGURE TO BE HERE, TOO..!
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AHH...
HEY, C'MON, JUST A BIT MORE...
SHOW THE PAIN WITHOUT HOLDING BACK, YOOO...

!?

HUH..
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!!?
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AH-
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What
..!!?
Where
did this
attack..
!?

MAGI-CAL ITEMS, YOU SEE...
!?
THERE ARE EVEN ONES THAT ALLOW YOU TO TEMPOR-ARILY DISAPPEAR, YOO! ♡
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN'T "SHOOT..."
!?
!?
WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE!
FOR A JINX USER WHO "SIGHTS" ENEMIES AND THEN "FIRES" AT THEM...
IT WAS ALL OR NOTHING, BUT...
TURNS OUT, IT WAS SCORE!
GRR...
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HAH!
DON'T YA KNOW ABOUT THE SAYING, "SPRAY AND PRAY!?" YOU IIIIDIOT!
IF YA CAN'T SEE, THEN JUST SHOOT ALL OVER THE PLACE!!
YOU'RE A BAD KID WHOSE AT THE POINT OF DEATH, HUH..?

ANYHOW, I'M AN EXPERT AT ITEM CRAFTING, YOU KNOW?
My arm!!
Ow ..!!
Oww ww!!!
FINDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME WORK ON THE MUZZLE IS A PIECE OF CAKE!
YOU LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE ARE IN PAIN, RIGHT?
NOW YOU CAN FEEL YOUR OWN TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT!

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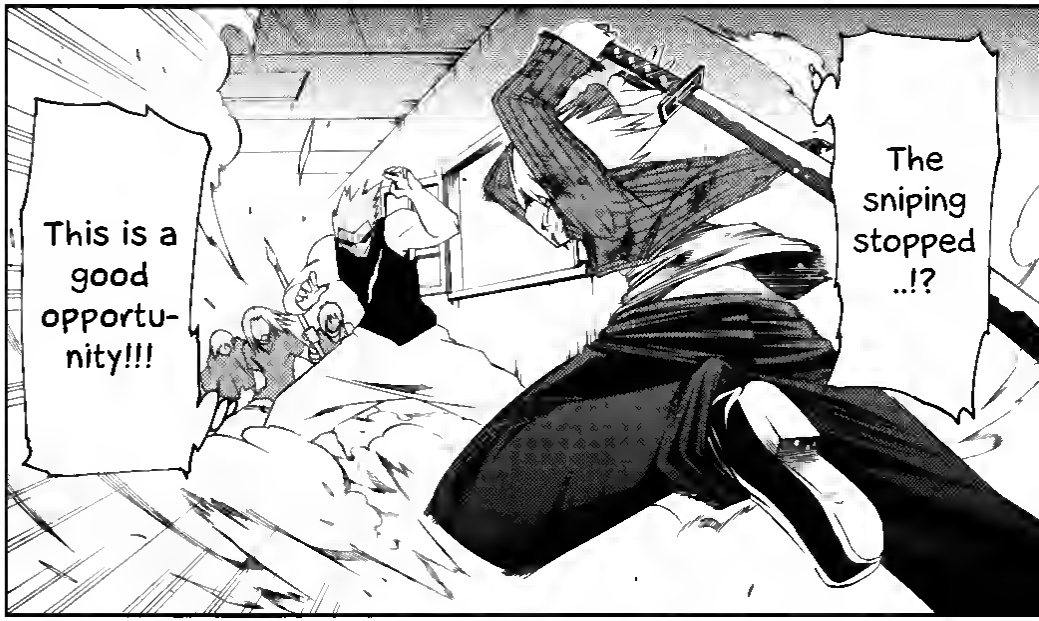
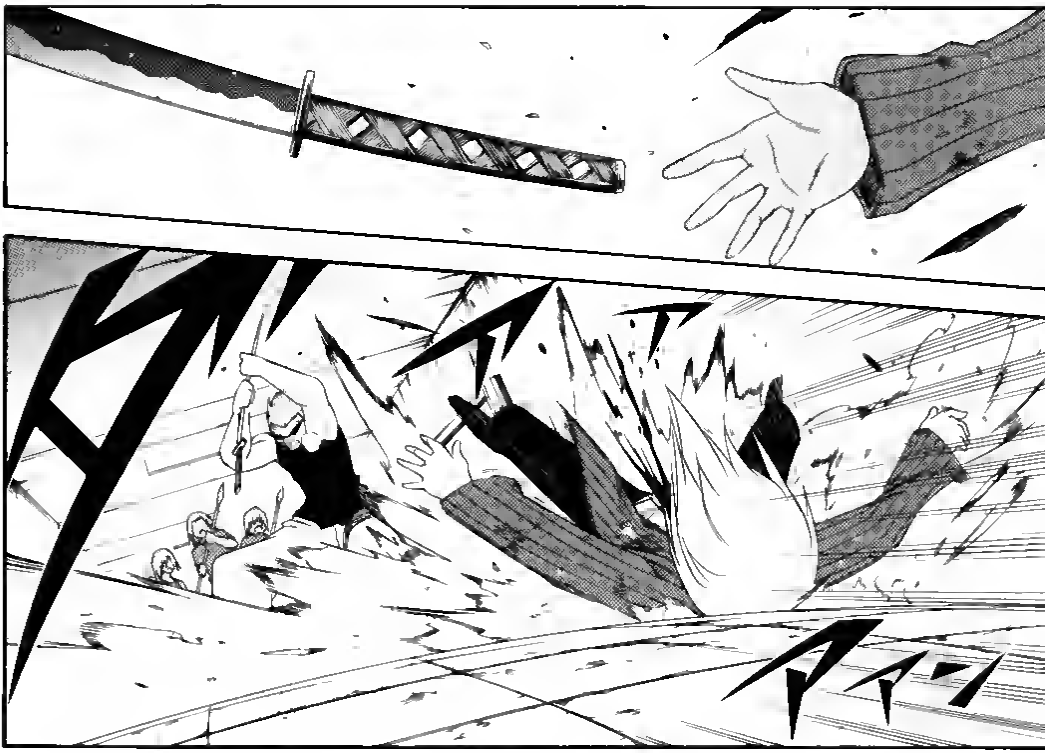

The sniping stopped ..!?
This is a good opportu-nity!!!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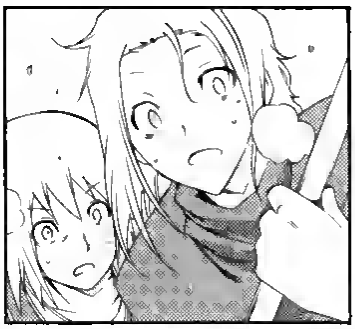

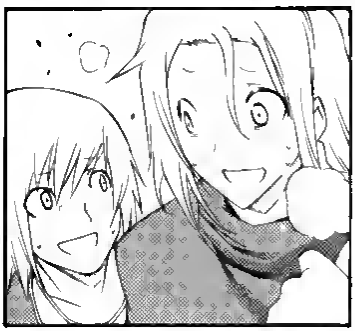

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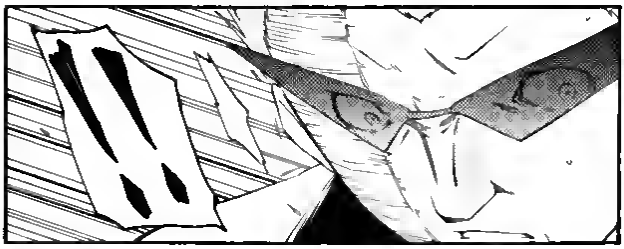
AAAA GH..!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Vic-tory...
right ..?
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CRUM BLING ...!!
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THIS GUY'S BODY IS SUD-DENLY...
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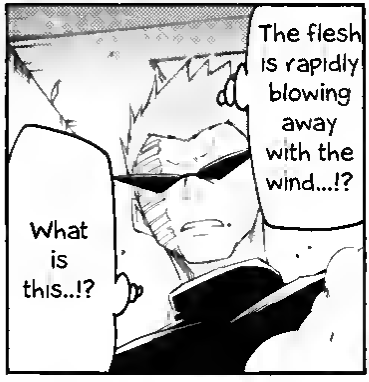
What is this..!?
The flesh is rapidly blowing away with the wind...!?

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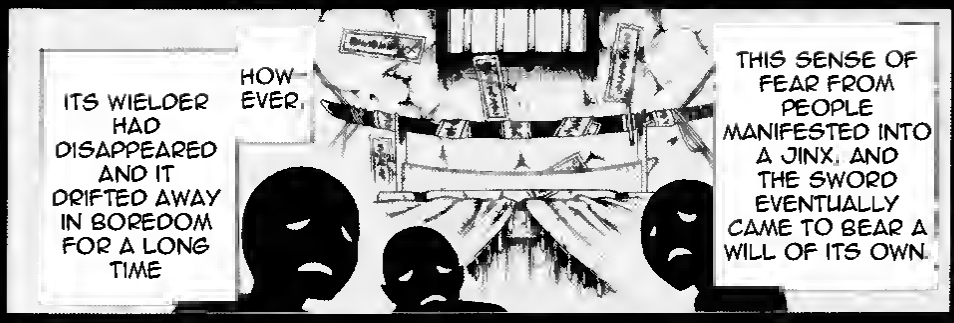
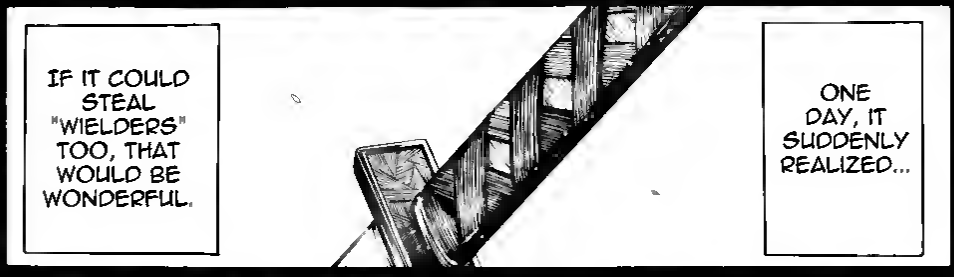
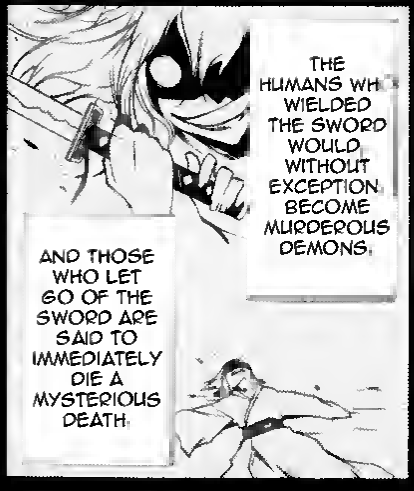
UGH-
I SEE. SO THIS IS...
THE TRUE FORM OF THE STRANGE FEELING ...
THAT I HAD CAUGHT ONTO...

THIS THING IS...
A SWORD POSSESSED WITH A DEMON CREATED FROM A JINX!!!
THIS SWORD IS THE ORIGINAL BODY..!
YOU KILLED HIM AND THEN HIJACKED HIS BODY?
THIS BOY'S BODY HAS MOST LIKELY ...
COMPL-ETELY ROTTED AWAY A LONG TIME AGO...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS RATHER PLEASED WITH-THAT-BODY TOO...
...OH MAN...

WAS FEARED AS A DEMONIC SWORD WHICH WOULD "STEAL EVERY SINGLE" LIFE AND BOND.
THAT SWORD ...


ITS WIELDER HAD DISAPPEARED AND IT DRIFTED AWAY IN BOREDOM FOR A LONG TIME
HOW-EVER,
THIS SENSE OF FEAR FROM PEOPLE MANIFESTED INTO A JINX, AND THE SWORD EVENTUALLY CAME TO BEAR A WILL OF ITS OWN.


IF IT COULD STEAL "WIELDERS" TOO, THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.
ONE DAY, IT SUDDENLY REALIZED...

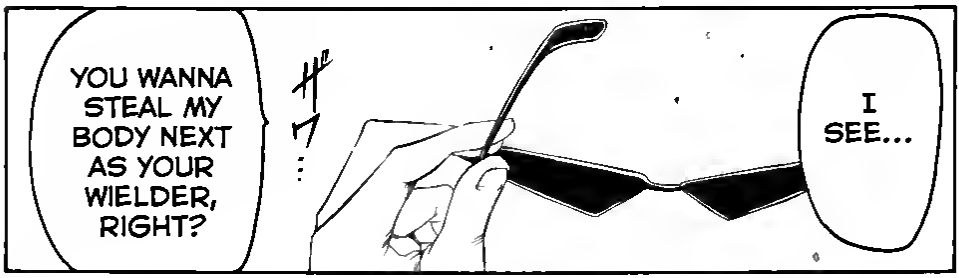

THE HUMANS WHO WIELDED THE SWORD WOULD, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, BECOME MURDEROUS DEMONS.
AND THOSE WHO LET GO OF THE SWORD ARE SAID TO IMMEDIATELY DIE A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

THERE-AFTER,
THE SWORD WANDERED THROUGH THE HANDS OF MANY PEOPLE, BUT...

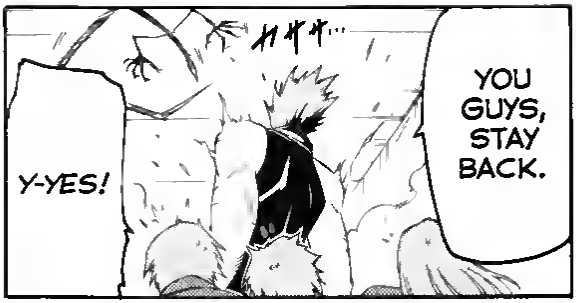
I NEED TO RESPECT-FULLY BURY HIM LATER...
THAT BOY...

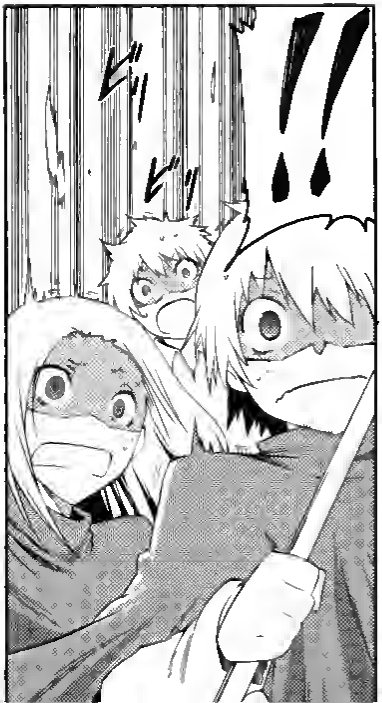
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YA...

SINCE I HAVE DECIDED TO TARGET YOU NEXT!
NOTHING'S HAPPENING LATER, OLD MAN!


YOU WANNA STEAL MY BODY NEXT AS YOUR WIELDER, RIGHT?
HM?
I SEE...

I'D LIKE TA SEE YA TRY!
YA PIECE OF SCRAP IRON!


YOU GUYS, STAY BACK.
Y-YES!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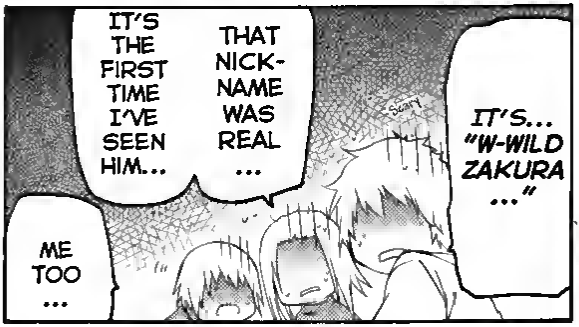
IT'S... "W-WILD ZAKURA ..."
Sigh
THAT NICK-NAME WAS REAL ...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM...
ME TOO ...

YOU'RE THE PIECE OF SCRAP IRON!
KWA-
EHP IRON WALL GUY!

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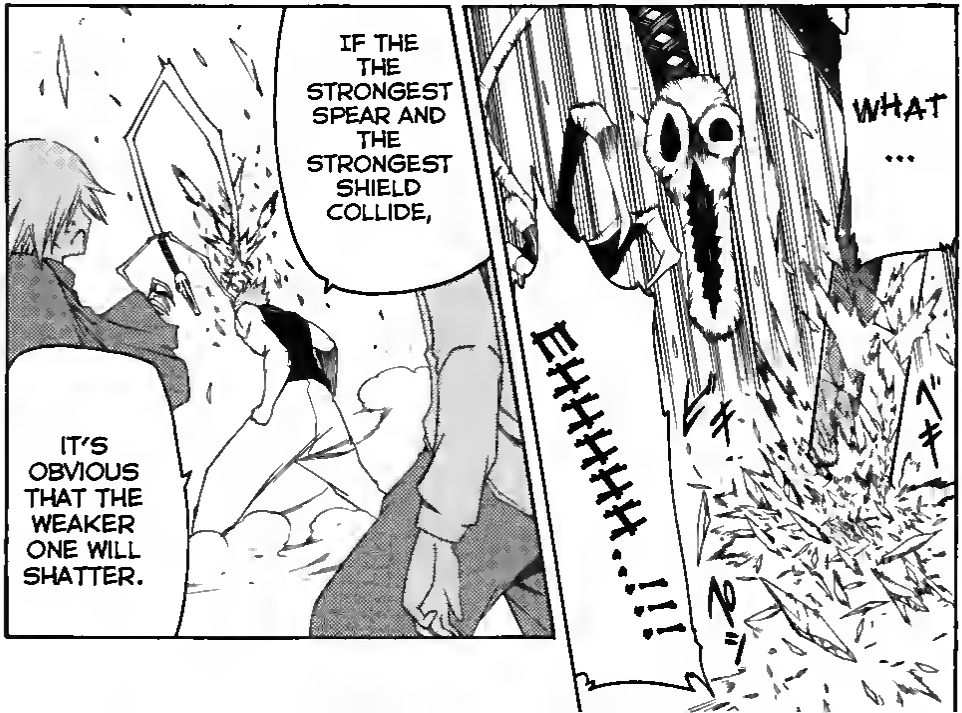
WATCH CLOSELY, AND CHECK IT OUT YOURSELF.
NOW WHO'S THE SCRAP IRON!?


IF THE THE STRONGEST SPEAR AND THE STRONGEST SHIELD COLLIDE,
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE WEAKER ONE WILL SHATTER.
WHAT …
EHHHHH…!!!
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I UNINTENTIONALLY BECAME SUPER DEFENSIVE!
AAAAHH...
BUT, THIS TIME AROUND MY DEFENSE MAY BE A LITTLE ROUGH!
AAHH...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING GGG..!!!
WITH A GUY WHO COULD DO NOTHING BUT "PROTECT...!!!"
THE ABILITY TO "PROTECT" IS ALL I NEED.
I BELIEVE THE TRUE ESSENCE OF POWER IS BEING ABLE TO "PROTECT!"
AND THAT'S WHY I AM THE IRON WALL!

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I DON'T FEEL LIKE LOSING EVEN A SINGLE HAIR.
FOR A GUY WHO ONLY USES HIS POWER TO "STEAL,"

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WHAT IS WITH YOU ...
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SHE'S UNBE-LIEVABLY STRONG, AIN'T SHE..!?

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NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS YOU...
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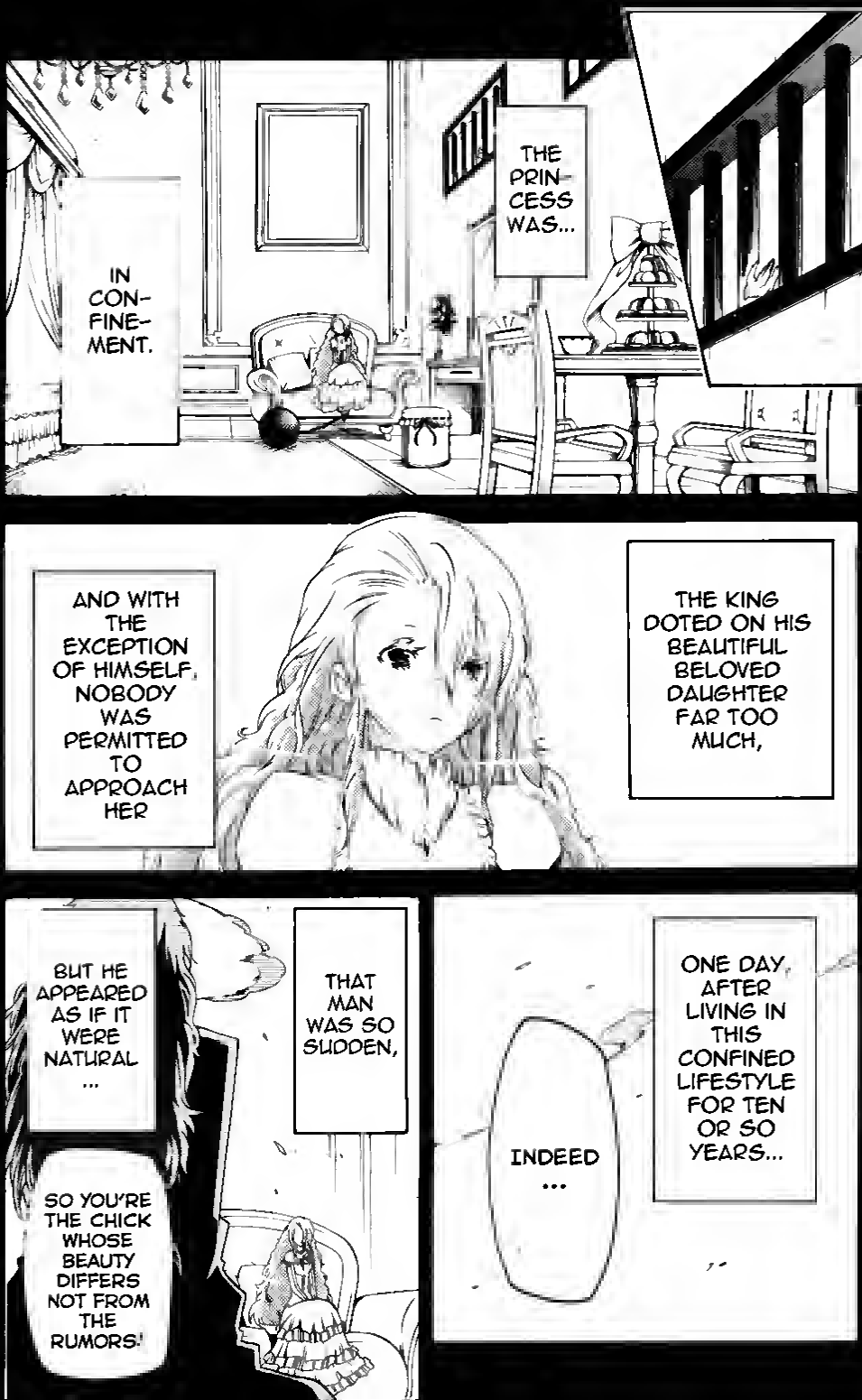
QUITE THE TENACIOUS ONE, I SEE...
I'M HONESTLY IMPRESSED!
RIGHT BACK AT YOU!
... GOING THROUGH A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE BECAUSE OF YOUR UNNECES-SARY INTER-FERENCE ...
WHAT DO YOU STAND TO GAIN... FROM THIS..?

IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DESTROY IT,
I WILL PROTECT IT EVEN IF IT MEANS RISKING MY LIFE!
THIS IS THE HOME OF IMPORTANT FRIENDS OF MINE.
THE UNION BETWEEN US MERMAID SISTERS ...
IS STRONGER THAN THE CONNEC-TION BETWEEN BLOOD!!

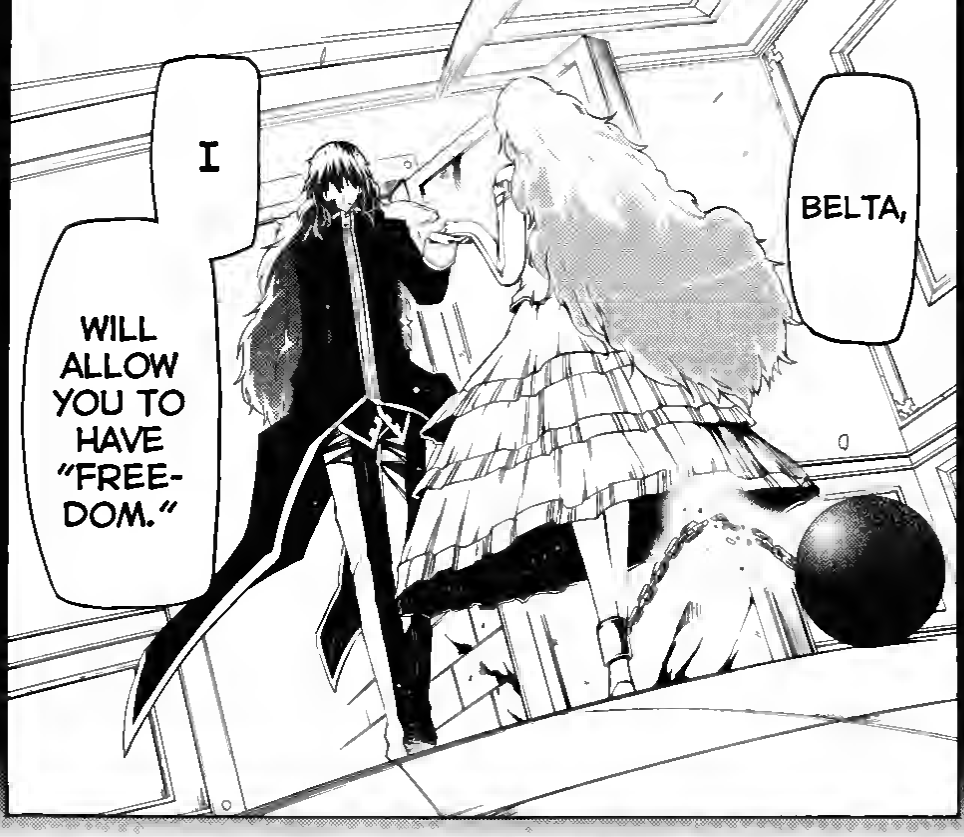
My body can't move anymor-
Ugh ...!!


THE PRINCESS WAS...
IN CONFINEMENT.
AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HIMSELF, NOBODY WAS PERMITTED TO APPROACH HER
THE KING DOTED ON HIS BEAUTIFUL BELOVED DAUGHTER FAR TOO MUCH,
ONE DAY, AFTER LIVING IN THIS CONFINED LIFESTYLE FOR TEN OR SO YEARS...
INDEED ...
THAT MAN WAS SO SUDDEN,
BUT HE APPEARED AS IF IT WERE NATURAL ...
SO YOU'RE THE CHICK WHOSE BEAUTY DIFFERS NOT FROM THE RUMORS!

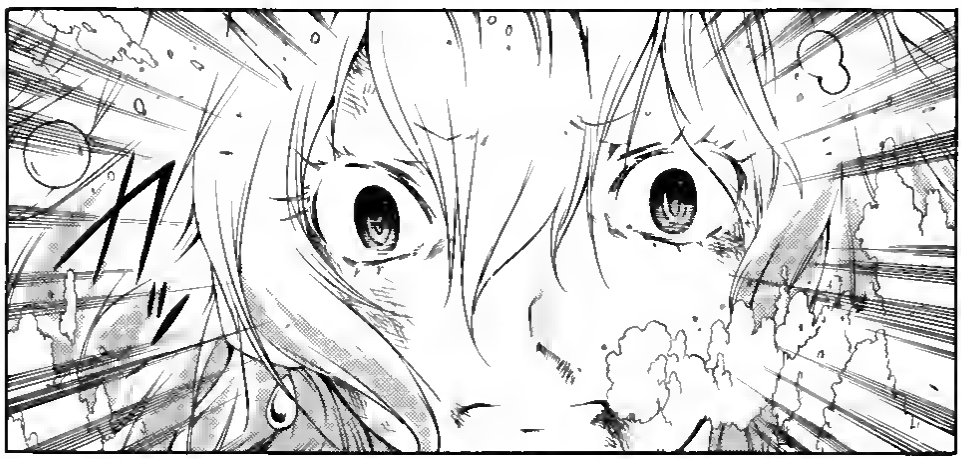
WHAT I THOUGHT WHEN I SAW THAT MAN, WHO WAS COVERED IN THE BLOOD OF PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...
I'M RATHER PLEASED!

WHAT A... BEAUTIFUL MAN.
YOUR NAME?

BELTA ... MALIARDO
BELTA ....


BELTA,
I
WILL ALLOW YOU TO HAVE "FREE-DOM."

NIR-SAMA...



"WAAAHH!!!
!!
I WON'T HAVE ANY-THING ..!!!
NIR-SAMA'S ..!
IF I LOSE NIR-SAMA'S TRUST..!
DON'T GET IN MY WAY ..!!!
I HAVE NO-ONE BUT NIR-SAMA!!!
FOR ME,

.....
TCH!!
WOA-
AAAAAAA

NIR-SAMA ..!
YOU WERE A BAD GIRL IN LOVE WEREN'T 'CHA!
That's rather powerful!
I KNEW IT!

WELL ?
JUST WHAT KIND OF DATA ARE YOU PLANNING TO SEARCH FOR?

THE ELYSIUM DOC-TRINE.
ALL MATE-RIALS
RELATED TO ITS SCRIPTURES AND DOGMA.

THE "ELY-SIUM DOC-TRINE ..."
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IMMORTALITY ..?

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THAT'S IT, YAN.
CHANGE THE FLOOR WITH THE MATERIALS INTO A SECRET ROOM, AND TAKE YOUR LEAVE FIRST WITH-THE-MATERIALS.
!
AND YOU?
I'M GONNA GO PLAY FOR A BIT.

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I CAUGHT YOU...

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YEAH…
GO.
YAN.
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It's just, why would an immortal man...
seek an immortal island..!?
Nirvana is immortal too..!!
I knew it, make no mistake.
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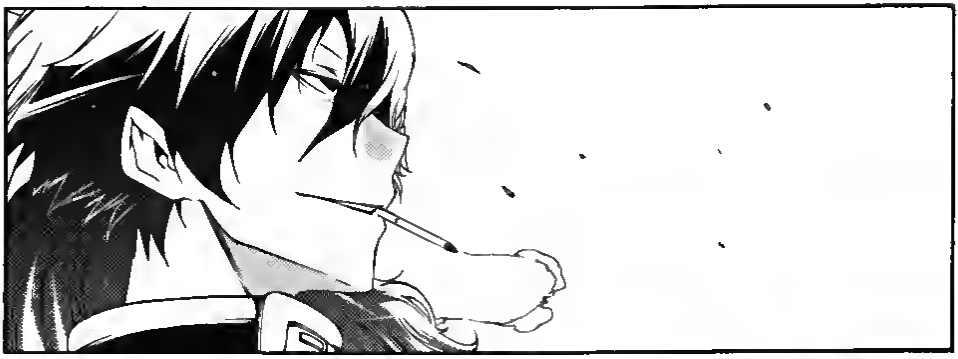
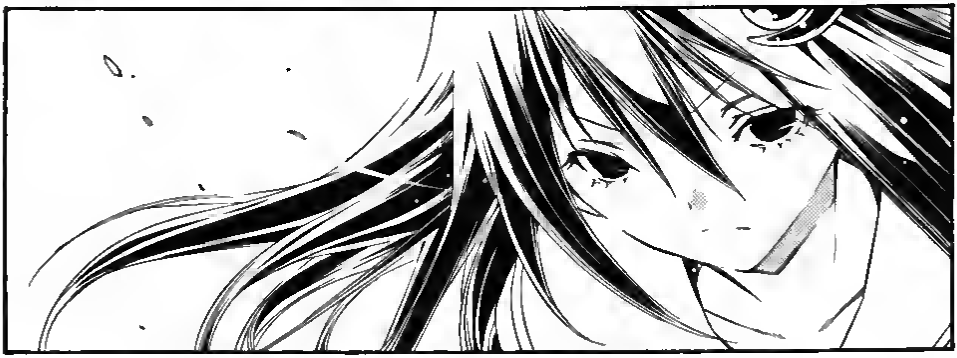
YOU CAME TO PLAY WITH ME, RIGHT?
Hehe!
YAN ...!!
LET'S PLAY THEN, LOTTE CITRU-LLINE!





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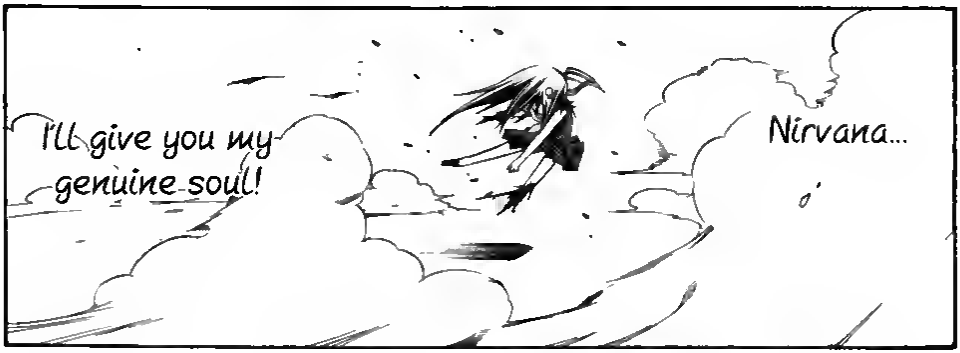
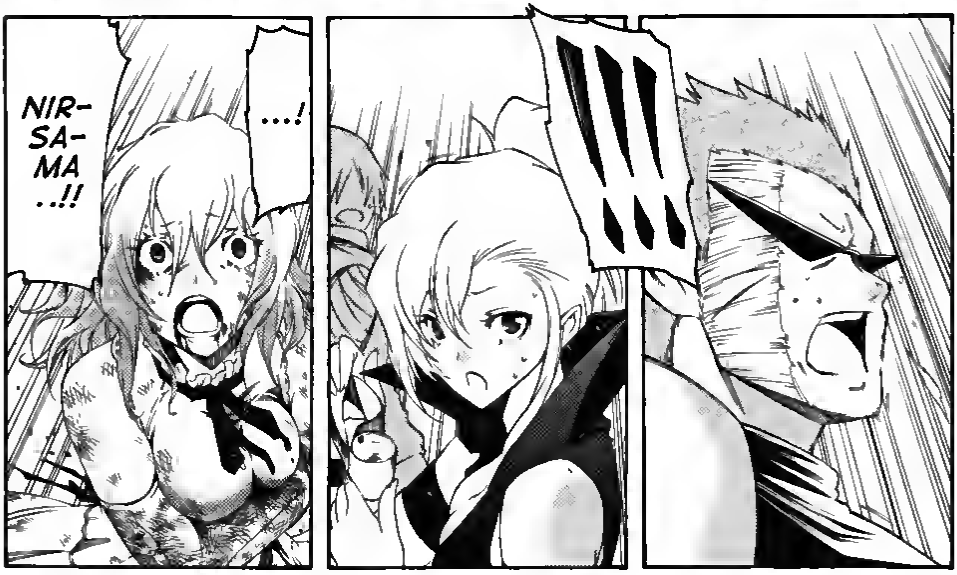
HOWEVER MUCH... YOU SAY YOU'RE IMMORTAL ...
IF YOU'RE SMASHED INTO GARBAGE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FOR A WHILE...
GRAB
!?

I JUST TOOK ALL THE ENERGY I GAINED FROM EATING FOOD...
CONCENTRATED IT INTO MY DISMEMBERED ARM,
AND CONVERTED IT INTO EXPLOSIVE ENERGY...!


I'll give you my genuine soul!
Nirvana...

...!


NIR-SA-MA ..!!
...!
!!!

YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

YOU KNOW I AM...
A BEING FROM A DIFFERENT DIMENSION THAN YOU GUYS!
THAT ... IS...
WHAT?
YOUR ABILIT-IES ALL ENDED JUST NOW?

AS A TEST
PERHAPS I SHOULD LEAVE YOU IN-BITS-AND-PIECES.
HOWEVER, YOU JUST GAVE ME A GOOD IDEA.

GIVE UP.

HOW LONG WILL YOU CONTINUE THESE USELESS ACTIONS?
HONESTLY ... YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED YOUR LESSON.
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SHALL WE SPAR FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?
NIRVANA.

REKI LUNA-CANTA ...!

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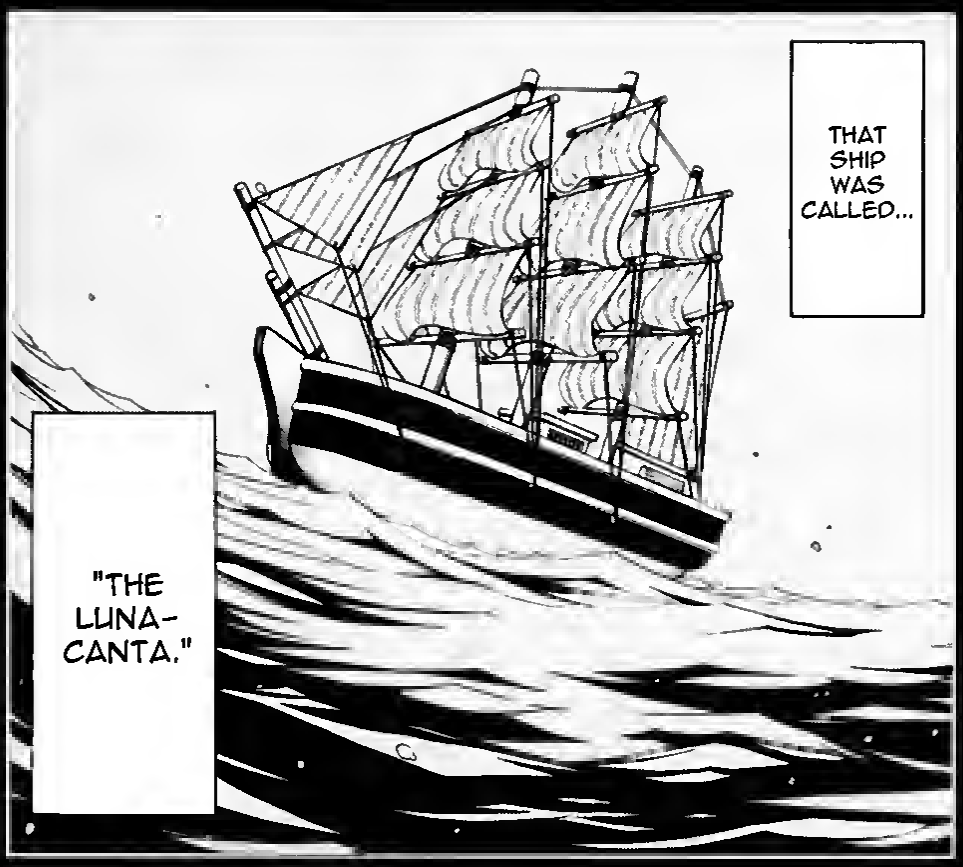

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IT'S 'CAUSE I SAW AN UN-PLEASANT DREAM, YOU KNOW?
SO I THOUGHT I'D TRY COMING PERSONALLY FOR A TOUR!
I CAME FOR AN 80 YEAR ...
...REUNION WITH THE DUDE I HATE MOST.

HEH HEH ...!
IT WAS PRE-POSTEROUS TO THINK YOU HAD DIED!
BOTH YOU AND LOTTE ARE PRETTY COLD!
DIDN'T WE RIDE ON THE SAME SHIP?
COULD ...
YOU CALL ME NIR LUNACANTA AGAIN?
CAPTAIN REKI.

80 Years Ago - The Lunacanta
HEY, REKIII !!
TEXT ABOVE LOTTE: PISSED
YOU'RE NAPPING OVER THERE AGAIN!!
IT'S YOUR TURN TO DO THE CHORES TODAY, ISN'T IT!!!?
NNNN...
EVEN THOUGH YOU FORCIBLY CAME ALONG, YOU'RE REAAAALLY ANNOYIN'..!
IT'S A RULE OF MINE TO SLEEP WHENEVER I'M TIRED.
GRRR ...
Ahaha
JUST GIVE IT UP, LOTTE.
ONCE HE STARTS TO SLEEP, HE'LL REFUSE TO BUDGE...

HYAH...!
RIO-NEE-CHAN...!
STEP BACK, LOC-CHAN!
MORNIN', REKI!
AWAKE... YET?
MMM.
Yeeess! Keep going like that~
COM-PLETELY TAMED...
EVEN THE STRONGEST, CAPTAIN REKI, IS SPOILED IN FRONT OF RIO...

HEH HEH ...
THE STRONGEST... HM?
YEAH ..?
IT WOULD BE BORING OTHERWISE!
HOW ABOUT A MATCH AFTER SO LONG, NIR?
OH?
Ohh!
Sounds good, do it!
YES, YES, ONCE YOU FINISH CLEANING, OKAY...
IT WAS THE SHIP THAT REKI AND LOTTE SET SAIL TO.
"THE LUNA-CANTA."
WITHOUT REFUSING ANYBODY WHO WANTED TO GO ON THAT VOYAGE,
EVERY TIME THEY VISITED A HOME, THEIR CREW MATES INCREASED.
Dozing off
You're doing great! Great!

FROM MORNING TO NIGHT, LAUGHED, MADE MERRY, ATE, AND SLEPT TOGETHER.
THEY ALL,
ALL WHO BOARDED THE SHIP TOOK ON THE SURNAME "LUNA-CANTA."
EVEN IF THEIR BLOOD AND BIRTH-PLACES WERE DIFFERENT,
IT WAS AS IF THEY WERE ALL ONE BIG FAMILY.

HOWEVER...
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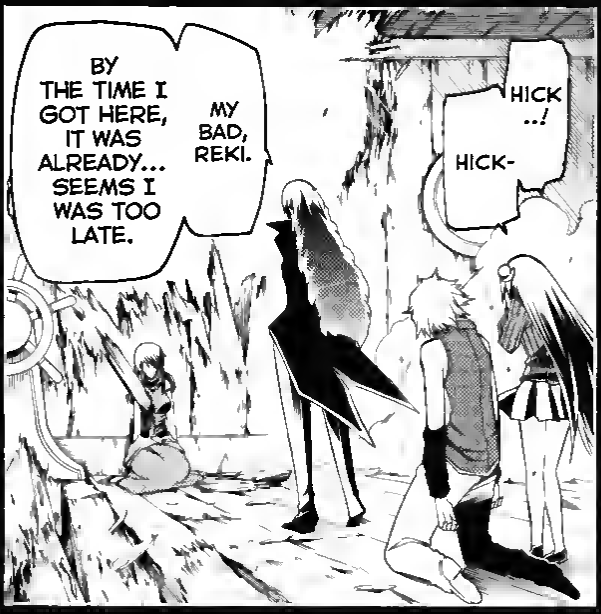
WHAT THE !!?
THERE'S A RAGING STORM UP AHEAD...
A HUGE WHIRLPOOL OF AN UNCOMMON SIZE JUST...

WHAT ...
IS THAT ...
IS THAT ... A HOME ..!?
PULL BACK IMMEDIATELY!!
IF WE'RE CAUGHT IN IT, WE'LL BE DONE FOR!!
WE CAN'T! THERE'S NO RESPONSE COMING FROM THE HELM!!
I'm definitely sure that the one steering today is .
... Rio!!
CAP-TAIN REKI !!

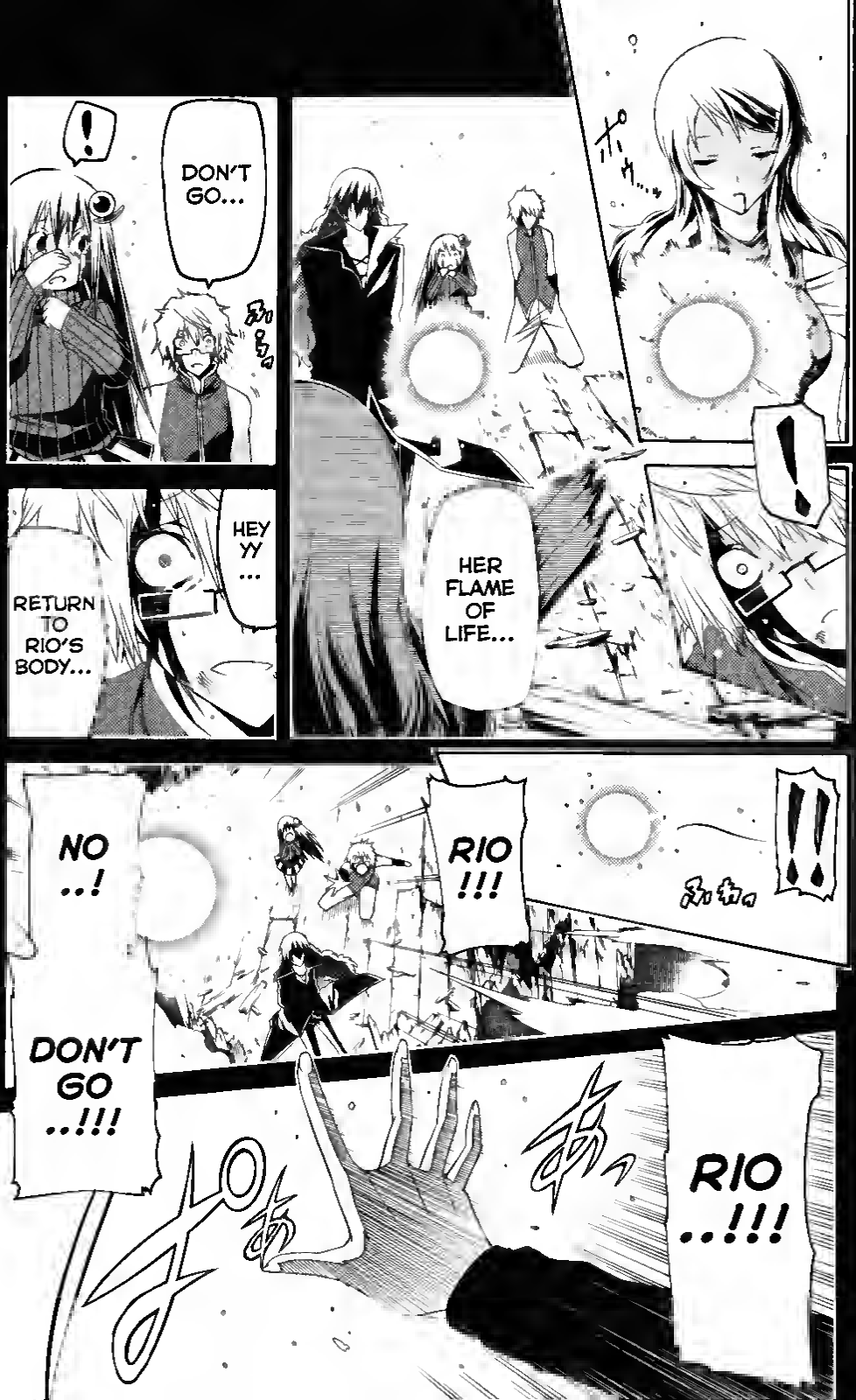
REKI
...
REKI
...
REKI
!!
I NEED SOME MEDICAL HELP, OR ELSE...
ASK SOMEBODY ...
REKI ...!
I THINK YOUR HEAD GOT HIT...
OH YEAH! I WAS GONNA CHECK ON THE HELM...
OW ...!
REH! ...
REH! ...
WHY'RE YOU CRYING FOR LOTTE ..?
AREN'T YOU HURT..?

"THE END" SUDDENLY CAME.

BUBBLES: SCREAMING


BY THE TIME I GOT HERE, IT WAS ALREADY... SEEMS I WAS TOO LATE.
MY BAD, REKI.
HICK ..!
HICK-

ANYWAY, I DON'T KNOW WHEN THIS SHIP WILL COLLAPSE, SO WE NEED TO GET OFF.
WE THREE SEEM TO BE THE SOLE SURVIVORS.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DON'T GO...
HEY YY ...
RETURN TO RIO'S BODY...
HER FLAME OF LIFE...
!
!!
RIO !!!
NO ..!
DON'T GO ..!!!
RIO ..!!!

WHAT THE...
THIS PLACE ...
THE SHIP ....
WHERE DID EVERY-ONE GO..!?

"THIS PLACE" IS MAG MELL.
THE "PROMISED LAND", WHERE ALL LIFE FINALLY REACHES.
HUMANS WHO FINALLY REACH THIS PLACE WHILE IN THE LIVING FLESH...
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ふわぁ…
FASCI-NAT-ING!
YOU PEOPLE ARE FASCI-NATING!
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YOU GUYS ARE THE FIRST!

WHAT ARE YOU?
.....
I AM THE GODDESS OF ELYSIUM.
THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD.
!!
THERE ARE MANY NAMES FOR ME TO BE REFERRED AS, BUT...
SIMPLY PUT, I'M JUST YOUR ORDINARY LOAFER.
AS A REWARD FOR YOUR COMING HERE,
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL SPECIAL BODIES.
YOU GUYS WILL BE A GOOD WAY FOR ME TO KILL TIME.

NOW THEN ....
ENTERTAIN ME MORE!
HHH ガァ...
.....
JUST NOW ...
WAS IT...
A DREAM ..?
HEH EH ..!

THAT WAS REALITY!
TURNS OUT THAT ISLAND REALLY WAS THE "PROMISED LAND..."
I TOOK OVER THE HELM, BUT ...
LO ...
LOTTE !!!
GETTING CAUGHT IN THE WHIRLPOOL WAS WORTH IT!
ヒソ
THE HELM ...?

SHE'S A STUPID GIRL.
IF SHE HAD QUIETLY HANDED THE HELM OVER,
SHE MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO TO EXTEND HER LIFE A LITTLE BIT MORE.
SO YOU KILLED RIO...
NOT ONLY THAT,
YOU GOT ENTIRELY EVERYONE INVOLVED.
YOU...
SUCH LOW-LEVEL MATES AREN'T WORTH LIVING ...
TO BEGIN WITH,
I EVEN WENT AS FAR AS EXPLOIT-ING YOUR SHIP...
IN ORDER TO SEARCH FOR THE ETERNAL PARADISE, THE "PROMISED LAND".
THANKS TO YOU TWO, I KNOW ITS LOCATION NOW.
I WILL GO TO THAT HOME ONCE AGAIN!

EXCEL LENT, ISN'T IT?
THAT DIMENSION IS PARTI-CULARLY FITTING FOR ME!
THE CREATOR.
AND THEN, THE ONLY EYE-SORE...
WOULD BE YOU, REKI!
I SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONE TO KNOW OF ITS EXISTENCE.
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ALL OF THEM...
!
WERE GOOD PEOPLE...
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ペキ...

THOSE GUYS ...
LIKE A REAL FAMILY ...
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ペキ
I WONDER WHEN IT HAPPEN-ED...
What ...!?
Their wounds are healing...
THE ONE BLOODY NOT WORTH LIVING IS YOU, NIR-VANA!!
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REKI ..?
MM ...
REKI ...
THAT ...
WHAT IS IT..?
YEAH ...
WHAT IS IT, LOTTE ..?
IS IT TIME FOR CLEAN-UP AGAIN ..?

IS RIO GONNA THROW MORE WATER AT ME...?
STOP ...
STOP IT REKI ...
THAT AIN'T SO BAD EITHER HUH ..?
IF ONLY I COULD WAKE UP FROM THIS DREAM...
STOP IT AL-READY !!!
PLEASE REKI!!!
AAA ...
WAAAA ...

NOT DYING IN SPITE OF *THAT* IS...
THE AFFLICTION OF *"IMMORTALITY."*
AND?
THOUGH 80 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN,
DID YOU MANAGE TO GO TO SAID ISLAND?

I KNOW IT'S LOCATION, BUT...
NOT WHERE THE *KEY* IS.

HOW-EVER, I'VE AL-READY ...
FIGURED THAT OUT TOO!
YOU'RE A PERSIS-TENT DUDE!

TENCHI SHINMEI!!!
(JINX: THE GODS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH)
KOCHOU NO YUME!!!
(JINX: THE BUTTERFLY'S DREAM)

I AM ALREADY ...
AN EXISTENCE THAT HAS TRANS-CENDED DIMENSIONS.
ATTACKS FROM A HIGHER DIMENSION ARE INVISIBLE TO THOSE FROM A LOWER DIMENSION, AND TRYING TO COUNTER-ATTACK IS IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO PREVENTION BY THE DIMENSIONAL WALL.
SIMILAR TO HOW PEOPLE IN THE SECOND DIMENSION CANNOT PERCEIVE THE THIRD DIMENSION,
!
Vvvv
!
My chance for victory in my current state...
Probably 50%... huh?
His skills have gone up consid-erably, huh..?
Tsk ..!

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UGH...
…ッ!?
... AS ALWAYS, YOUR ABILITY IS OUTRAGE-OUS.
THE ABILITY TO *REFLECT YOUR DREAMS IN REALITY.*
EVEN BEING ABLE TO HIT MY "DIMENSION-AL WALL" IS...

However, this is strange ...
To this extent..?
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So anything goes...!!?
Tsk...

UGH
...

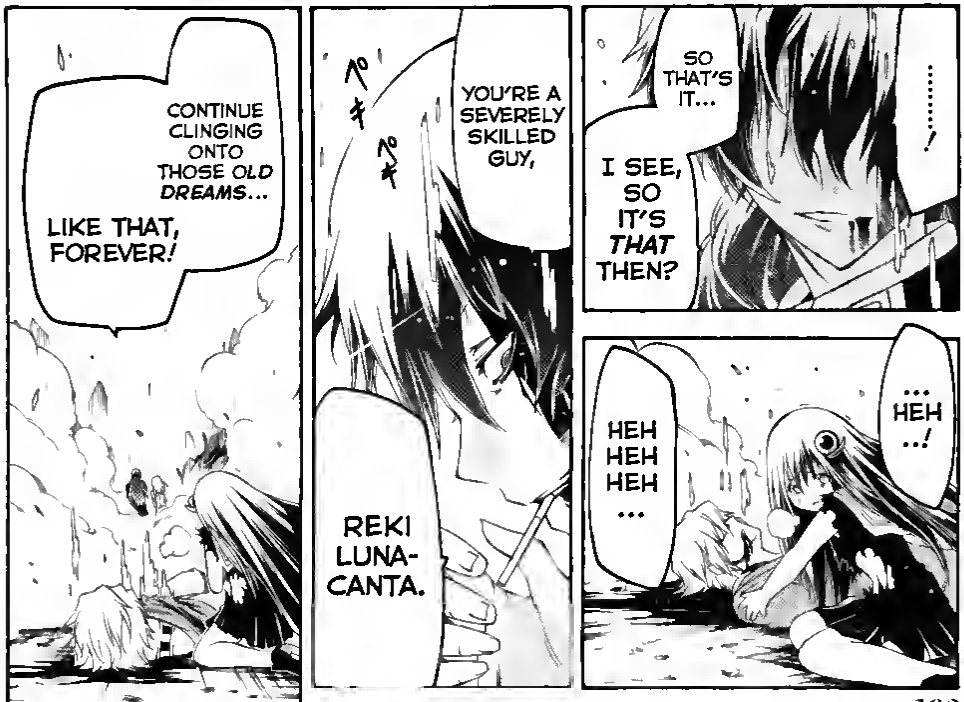
!!!
Reki
...!!!
NIR
...
SAMA
...
!!
NIR-SAMAAAA...!!!
!!

DON'T LOOK, REKI!!!
THAT WOMAN NULLIFIES JINXES!!!

REKI ...!!!

HOWEVER, ITS INCOMPRE-HENSIBLE...
THE YOU FROM LONG AGO HAD A MORE IMMODEST STRENGTH ...
DID YOU GROW SENILE FROM BLOODY HARMONY, OR...
COM-PLETELY REACTING TO BELTA'S VOICE...
WAS A FAILURE ON YOUR END, HUH..?

HAVE YOU ALREADY ...
MANIFEST-ED SOME SORT OF JINX ABILITY?


CONTINUE CLINGING ONTO THOSE OLD DREAMS...
LIKE THAT, FOREVER!
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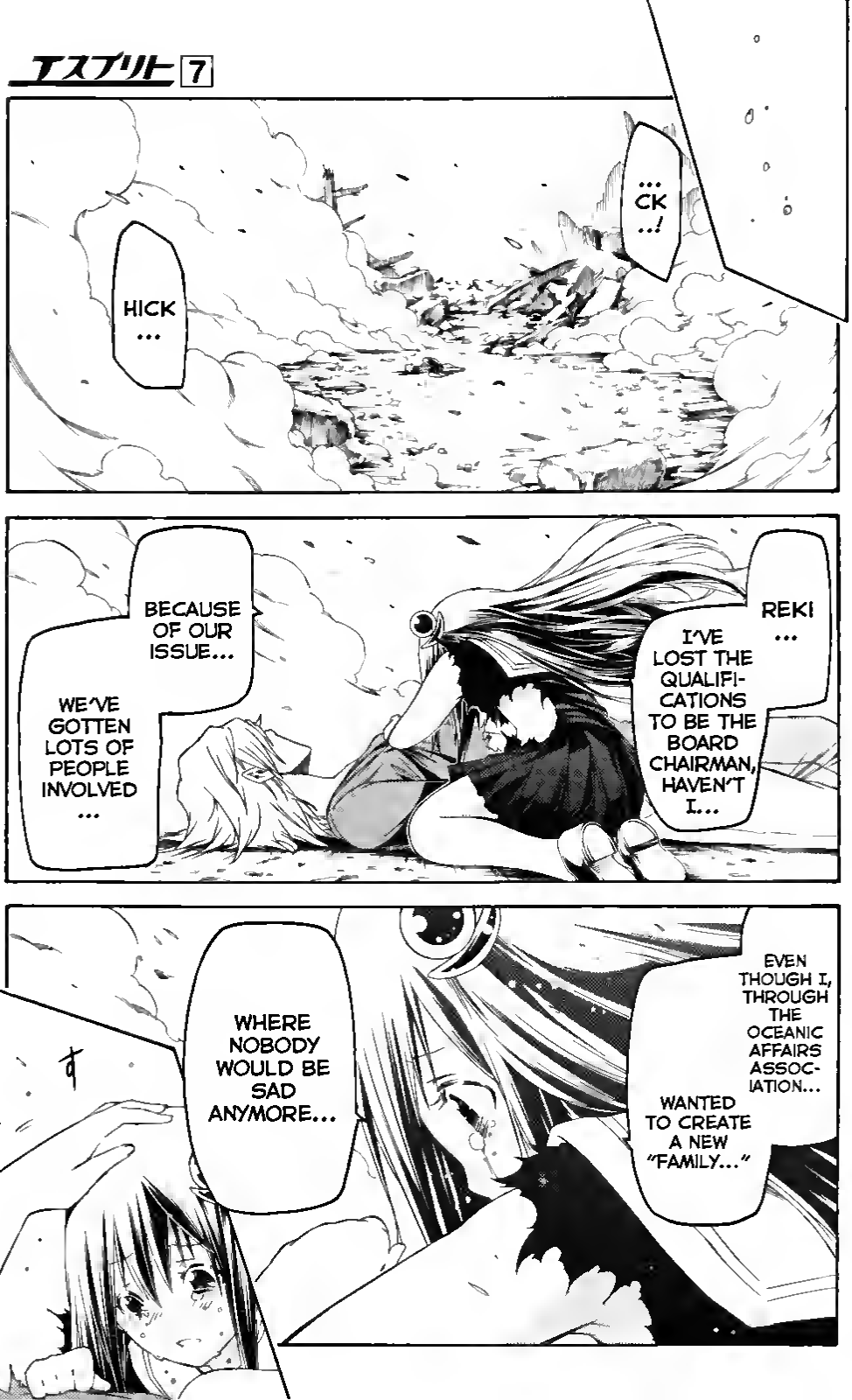
YOU'RE A SEVERELY SKILLED GUY,
REKI LUNA-CANTA.
SO THAT'S IT...
I SEE, SO IT'S THAT THEN?
.....!
... HEH ..!
HEH HEH HEH ...


HICK ...
...CK ...!
REKI ...
I'VE LOST THE QUALIFI-CATIONS TO BE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN, HAVEN'T I...
BECAUSE OF OUR ISSUE...
WE'VE GOTTEN LOTS OF PEOPLE INVOLVED ...
EVEN THOUGH I, THROUGH THE OCEANIC AFFAIRS ASSOC-IATION...
WANTED TO CREATE A NEW "FAMILY..."
WHERE NOBODY WOULD BE SAD ANYMORE...

BOARD CHAIR-MAAAN..!!!
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WHAT'RE ... YOU SAYING?
TAKE A LOOK.
WOOO-AHHH, BOARD CHAIR-MAAAN..!!
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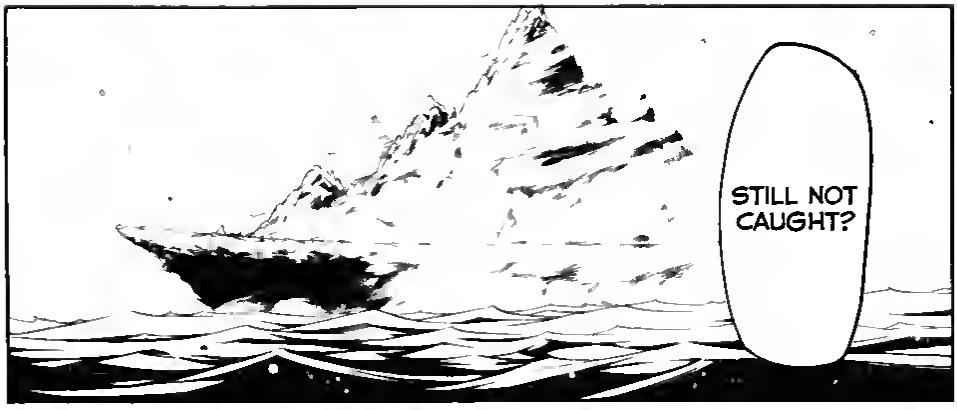
どどど
WAIT. COME ON, DON'T CRYYY!
DURING THESE LAST 80 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN AT A STANDSTILL THE ENTIRE TIME.
YOU'VE FULFILLED BOTH I AND EVERYBODY ELSE'S WILL,
AND CREATED THIS SPLENDID "FAMILY," HAVEN'T YOU?
YOU'RE AN INCREDIBLE PERSON, LOTTE.
I GUESS I NEED TO MOVE FORWARD TOO, HUH..?

LET'S GO SETTLE THIS.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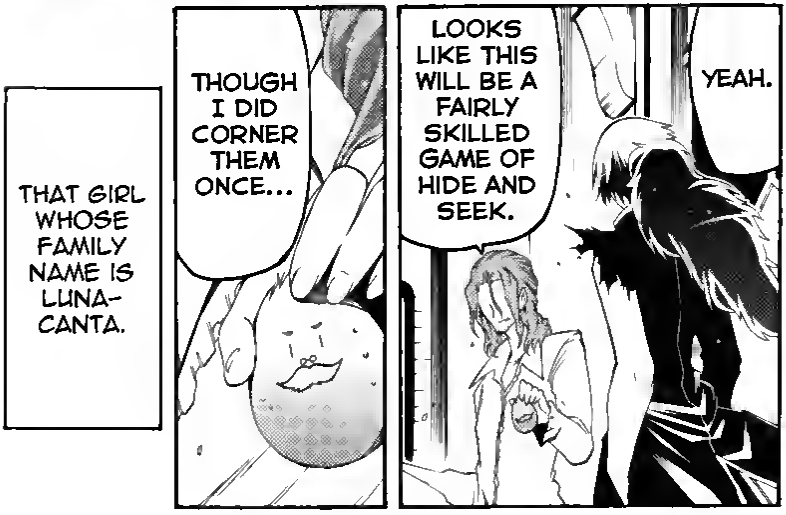
I THOUGHT IT WAS MYSTER-IOUS...
YEAH.
LOOKS LIKE THIS WILL BE A FAIRLY SKILLED GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK.
THOUGH I DID CORNER THEM ONCE...
THAT GIRL WHOSE FAMILY NAME IS LUNA-CANTA.

Mio Luna-canta...
ALQUI.
THIS GIRL HAS A CONSIDERABLY FASCINATING EXISTENCE!
IF MY HUNCH IS CORRECT ...
PERHAPS SHE IS NOT EVEN HUMAN.

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ALLOWING A 7TH VOLUME.
Happy New Year!
TSUTSUI HERE.

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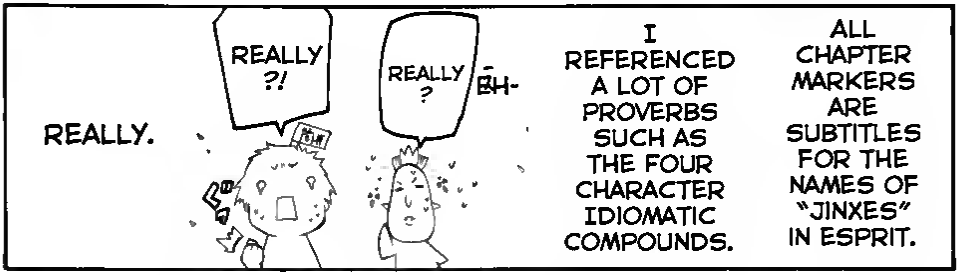
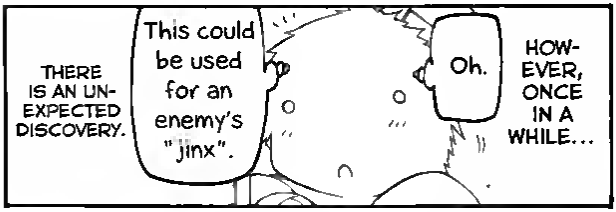
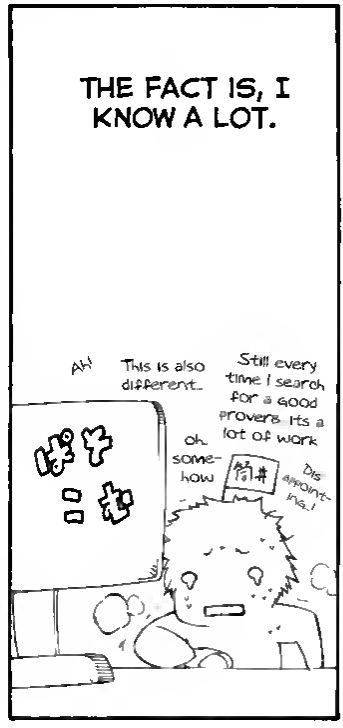
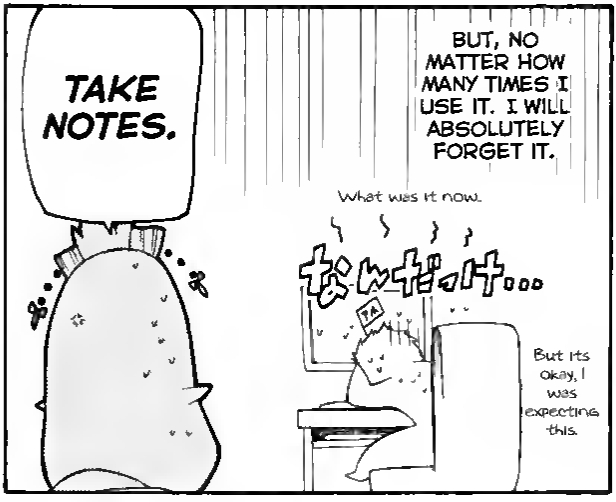
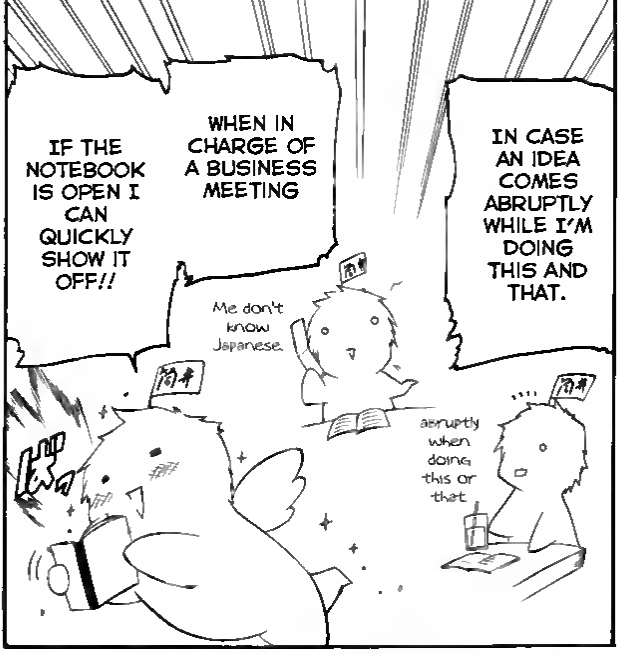

REALLY.
REALLY?!
REALLY?
-EH-
I REFERENCED A LOT OF PROVERBS SUCH AS THE FOUR CHARACTER IDIOMATIC COMPOUNDS.
ALL CHAPTER MARKERS ARE SUBTITLES FOR THE NAMES OF "JINXES" IN ESPRIT.

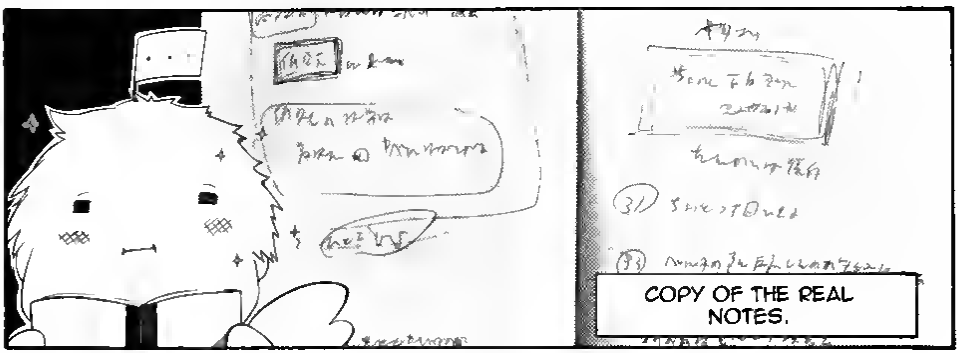

THERE IS AN UN-EXPECTED DISCOVERY.
This could be used for an enemy's "jinx".
Oh.
HOW-EVER, ONCE IN A WHILE...


THE FACT IS, I KNOW A LOT.
AH
This is also different.
Still every time I search for a good proverb, it's a lot of work
oh, somehow
Disappointing.


TAKE NOTES.
BUT, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I USE IT. I WILL ABSOLUTELY FORGET IT.
What was it now.
But it's okay, I was expecting this.


IF THE NOTEBOOK IS OPEN I CAN QUICKLY SHOW IT OFF!!
WHEN IN CHARGE OF A BUSINESS MEETING
IN CASE AN IDEA COMES ABRUPTLY WHILE I'M DOING THIS AND THAT.
Me don't know Japanese.
abruptly when doing this or that

AS A RESULT I MAKE A HABIT OF TAKING NOTES.
THESE DAYS, DURING THE SPRING, I MAKE THESE BLUNDERS
NOTE
THE TINY NOTEBOOK HE ALWAYS CARRIES AROUND.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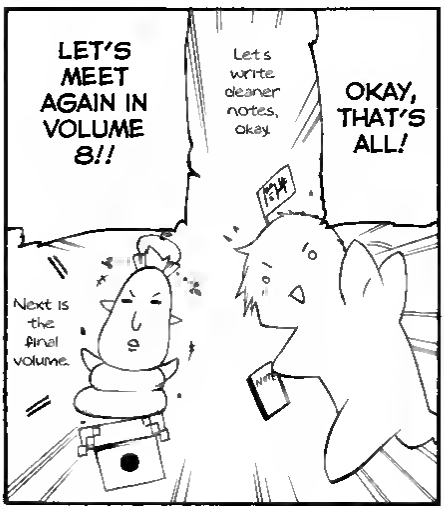
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Let's write cleaner notes, okay.
OKAY, THAT'S ALL!
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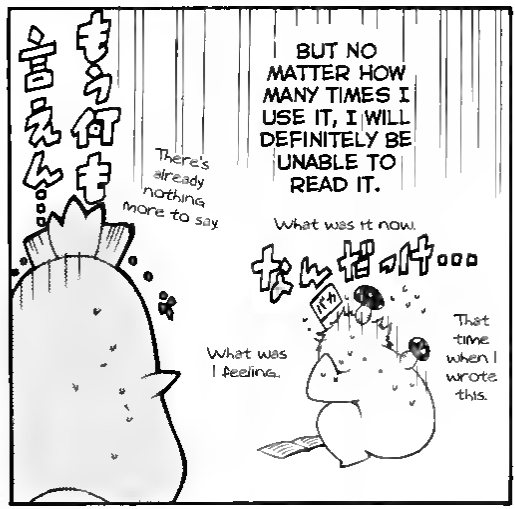
もう何も言えん。。。
There's already nothing more to say
BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I USE IT, I WILL DEFINITELY BE UNABLE TO READ IT.
What was it now.
なんだっけ。。。
What was I feeling.
That time when I wrote this.

LIFE, DREAM, PRIDE.

EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON POSSESSES EACH OF THESE...

INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

IN REGARDS TO THE THOUGHTS PRECIOUS TO YOU,

WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

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